

Go through a wooden gate and walk above a tributary stream until a road is reached. Turn left and follow this route (taking great care on this section) for about 200 meters/300 meters until you reach a road.

Turn right where you see the information board for the church near a postbox and make your way down the lane to the unusual and picturesque church dedicated to

St. Margaret of Antioch.

The present church was largely built in 1863/64 (with the transepts being added post 1904). It has a very unusual tower roof, similar to the Renish Helm tower at Sompting in West Sussex, one of only two in the country. We believe the tower contains the second lightest peal of bells in England.

Q5. Note the name of the child whose grave is to the right of the path just after you enter the churchyard.

When you leave the churchyard, return to the main road through Wormhill village. Turn right and pass the Brindley Memorial to the Pioneer Derbyshire Canal Builder and Engineer. Continue up the metalled path. After you have passed Bateman Farm turn right onto the bridleway signposted with a horseshoe. This bridleway also leads to Monks Dale.

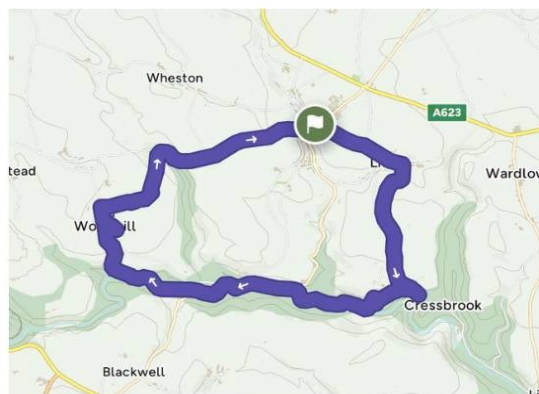
Turn right onto the Tideswell road. After a steep climb, you will pass Monksdale House (double fronted with two bay windows) on your left. At reasonable speed you should be back in Tideswell within twenty minutes.

As you approach the church, pause and give thanks for your safe arrival.

This is called your 'Mount Joy' moment.

Once inside if you haven't already enjoyed the peaceful surroundings of the church now is your chance.

Prayer of Completion



This is an OS map available only if you have the app.

If you do have the app please search for Mills & Martyrs Tideswell Parish Pilgrimage.



Click this QR-code to complete your answers online, and obtain your badge. If you prefer not to do this, please email us at the address below with your answers along with your name and postal address.



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Mills and Martyrs Pilgrimage through the Parish of Tideswell beginning at St John the Baptist 'The Cathedral of the Peak'

A fairly moderate 8.5 mile / 14.5km round walk with a few ascents and descents of about 400 meters. Walkers of reasonable fitness will be able to complete the route in about 4 hours.

PILGRIM DEFINITION:

"a prolonged journey on foot to a destination of sacred significance with a set intention of personal transformation, thanksgiving, forgiveness for you or someone else and a request"

If you would like to make a donation please either use the QR Code below or cash via the card machine in St John the Baptist church, Tideswell when you complete your pilgrimage.



This pilgrimage will take you pass five churches (one which is sadly now closed), at each there is a question to answer –a location marker –—please make a note and there is a form online to complete—or find the paper form in St Johns Tideswell— once returned you will receive a metal badge to show that you have completed this walk.

THE BEGINNING:

As you begin your pilgrimage set your intention.

You may wish to light a candle or put a prayer on our prayer tree in the church to start your journey.

Toilets are located either in The Institute behind the church when it is open or on the high street, across the road from Sals Italian.

*At the main gate of **Saint John's, Tideswell**, turn and look back at the medieval Cathedral of the Peak.*

Construction of the church began around 1340 and was completed about 1380. It replaced an earlier church building.

In all likelihood, the 40 year construction period would have been extended by the visitation of the plague epidemic around 1349.

Q1. Note the name of the Padley Martyr from the plaque on one of the main entrance gate posts.

THE ROUTE:

Cross Commercial Road and make your way past Tindall's delicatessen, passing this on your right. Look out for an alleyway (in the form of a tunnel) leading through a property about 10 metres farther on.

Take this path and follow its ascent, bearing right until you reach a metalled road. About halfway up, look back at the church. This is, perhaps, the best view of it that you will encounter. Bear right onto the metalled road and head away from Tideswell in the direction of Litton.

Keep to this road and after about 800 metres you will notice Christ Church, Litton, to your left.

The church was built in the late 1920s. Environmentally friendly toilet facilities are available when the building is open and these can be found to the rear left of the churchyard.

Q2. Write down the inscription around the plinth of the churchyard cross.

Continue on to the village of Litton. Pass the Red Lion and the stocks to your left and Litton Shop to your right. Turn right towards Cressbrook just after Hall Farm on your right and before you reach the Methodist Church.

Continue along this road passing Litton Cemetery on your left and, farther on, the three storied 'New Houses' and the road to Litton Slack. Do not be diverted from your course and you will shortly arrive at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Cressbrook, Georgian Mission Church built in 2 parts-the original section was the school room for the children in the Mill—and then the church was added.

There is an open toilet here take the left hand door which is not locked.

Q3. What is the date recorded on the commemoration stone to the left of the main door of the church?

When you leave the church, turn right, retracing your steps for about 50 metres. You will notice a finger post indicating a path leading down to the left. The views from this footpath down to the village are truly breathtaking. Along the way you will also stumble on Litton Mill c. 1782, notorious for the poor treatment of orphans, some who are buried in the churchyard. Turn left after crossing a stile just above one of the Mills limestone chimneys, and wind your way down the hillside.

On reaching the Mill entrance turn right along the metalled road which follows the River Wye upstream. After about 1.5 kilometres you will pass The Anglers Rest (which is open every day and serves good pub food).

*When you reach the junction with the B6049 you will notice **St Anne's Church Millers Dale**. This was built in 1879 as a 'school church'. Although originally part of the benefice this church is now sadly closed to the public.*

Q4. What is the date on the tower clock?

On leaving the church turn right onto the pavement and then right again up the alleyway which initially follows the church wall. Follow this ascending route, bearing left into the field after the wooden gate.

Continue until you reach the stile in front of Glebe Farm. Once over the stile, turn left and follow the metalled road down to your left. The entrance to the old station yard is on the right, opposite the 'Wriggly Tin' cottages.

At Millers Dale station, once an important junction for trains on the Midland Line from London to Manchester, there is a café along with toilet facilities available from the old platform in front of some former station buildings. Currently open daily until 3.30pm.

Do not cross the viaduct (although wonderful views can be enjoyed from it) but continue along the former Monsal Trail railway line, closed under Beeching in 1961, with the viaducts behind you, signposted Wye Dale. After about 500 meters cross a short viaduct, which is specially designated for abseiling, and then take the footpath down to your right thus leaving the Monsal Trail

(do not continue along the Trail through Chee Tor Tunnel).

Follow the path, signposted Blackwell/Cheedale. Pass the signpost for Blackwell. Do not take this footpath but follow the one signposted Chee Dale/Wormhill down the field to cross over the River Wye via the footbridge.

On the other side of the river, look out for the path up to Wormhill straight ahead. Take this path and follow its steep course uphill. At one point it dips slightly and bends to the right.