

Trail from St. Peter's Church, Great Asby

to St. Lawrence Church, Crosby Ravensworth

From the church gate turn right • and follow the road out of the village. At a cross-roads turn left • signposted *Drybeck 1½*. When the hamlet of Drybeck is reached, bear left • signposted *Maulds Meaburn & Orton*. At the far end of the hamlet bear right • signposted *Orton & Kendal*. Continue along this road for 1 mile until a T-junction is met with the B6260. Turn right • signposted *Appleby 4*. **BEWARE!**

The traffic on this road may be travelling at speed!

After 150m turn left • signposted *Kings Meaburn 3*. Then take the next left • signposted *Maulds Meaburn*. Eventually the road descends steeply into the lovely Lyvennet valley. Cross the river bridge and turn left • into Maulds Meaburn - a village typical of 'old Westmorland'. Go straight on • ignoring a left turn to *Appleby*, and Crosby Ravensworth is soon reached. On entering this village ignore a left turn to *Bankhead*, cross a bridge over the beck, and St. Lawrence's Church is seen to the right amongst trees. Park by the little bridge over the beck, and walk across to the church gate.



St. Lawrence Church, Crosby Ravensworth

The church is set back from the road in a lovely situation amongst trees, and alongside the village beck

About the church...

An ancient site and an imposing sight. On a sunny day the site is a sight to savour. Since at least Saxon times the one and only God has been worshipped here and we invite you to be a small but significant piece of our history. God bless you!

...further visitor information available in church

Trail from St. Lawrence Church, Crosby Ravensworth...

...to All Saints Church, Orton

From the church gate turn right and go up the road. Ignore a right turn to *Shap*, and go straight on • leaving the village on the *Orton* road. The road climbs steadily out of the valley and eventually reaches open moorland at a cattle grid. Continue until the top of Orton Scar is reached. The B6260 is met at a T-junction.

The view ahead on a clear day is outstanding - the full majesty of the northern flanks of the Howgill Fells with Tebay Gorge to the right, through which the M6 passes.

Turn right • signposted *Orton 1*. Descend the limestone escarpment into the village, and turn right • signposted *Shap B6261*. All Saints Church is found up a narrow lane, the first turning on the right. Parking is easy in the spacious village square to the left.

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St. Lawrence*



*Ravenstonedale
St. Oswald*



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All Saints Church, Orton

The church stands on rising ground at the northern end of the village. There is ample parking in the village square, with a short stroll up the lane to the church.

About the church...

A primitive structure was replaced by a stone edifice on this site in the early 13th C. The tower dates from around 1504, and contains a fine ring of eight bells. In the Baptistry is a large, heavy, bound box, said to be hollowed out from a tree grown in Lowther Park.

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Trail from All Saints Church, Orton

to St. Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

From the square in the centre of Orton turn right • onto the B6260 to *Tebay*, passing the George Hotel on your right. After a short distance and on the edge of the village, turn left • signposted *Gaisgill, Raisbeck, Kirkby Stephen*. Continue straight on • ignoring a right turn to *Gaisgill* until the hamlet of Raisbeck is reached. About 200m beyond a telephone box on the left, the road bears right • and is signposted *Ravenstonedale & Kirkby Stephen*. Ignore the left fork to *Asby & Soulby* and continue along this road until a T-junction is met; turn left • and go through the hamlet of *Kelleth*.

The road continues on a limestone shelf above the Upper Lune valley with good views of the valleys of *Bowderdale* and *Weasdale*, cutting deeply into the *Howgill Fells*. In this area, a glimpse of a buzzard with broad wings outstretched wheeling and circling on the thermals rising above the valley is possible.

Continue on this road, ignoring a right turn to *Wath & Bowderdale*, until a T-junction is met on the edge of *Newbiggin-on-Lune*. Turn right • , and then left • , onto the A685.

BEWARE! This is a busy main road with fast-moving traffic. Follow the main road for 1 mile before turning right • signposted *Ravenstonedale*. [- **CYCLISTS ARE ADVISED** to cross the main road and take the old road, which goes straight through the village of *Newbiggin-on-Lune*, rejoining the main road ½ mile further along. When a T-junction is met turn right • onto the A685 for ½ mile, before turning right • again for *Ravenstonedale*. *Cyclists, please take extreme caution along this SHORT section of the main road - and especially with the right turn - the traffic is fast moving!* -]

Coming into the part of *Ravenstonedale* known as *Coldbeck*, the *King's Head* pub is passed on the right. After another 200m turn right • signposted *Ravenstonedale*. The entrance to *St. Oswald's Church* is a further 100m on the right.



St. Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

The main gate to the church is located beside the Primary School in a very tranquil part of this lovely village.

About the church...

St. Oswald's - an unusual church - is dominated by a great three-decker pulpit, pews banked to each side, and the west end gallery. Open the red baize door see the dark oak lit by tall windows and feel the weight of centuries of prayer and sense echoes from the excavated ruins of the Gilbertine Monastery nearby!

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Trail from St. Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

to St. Peter's Church, Great Asby

From the church gate turn left • and after 100m turn left again • at the T-junction signposted *Tebay 6, Kendal 16*. Follow this road until the main A685 is met at a T-junction. **BEWARE! This is a busy main road with fast-moving traffic.** Turn left • signposted *Kendal* and follow the main road for just 300m, then turn off left • for *Newbiggin-on-Lune*. Follow the road straight through this tiny village - close to the source of the *River Lune* - and meet the A685 again at a T-junction. Turn left • and then right • **WITH CAUTION** and follow the quiet lane uphill signposted *Great Asby*.

Soon this road crosses a cattle grid onto open moorland. Climb steadily with good views back to the *Howgill Fells*. As height is gained the *Shap Fells* come into view away to the left. Another cattle grid is crossed and the road descends past a cottage to a farm at *Mazon Wath*. The road climbs steeply after passing the farm, with a glimpse of *Sunbiggin Tarn* to the left. At a T-junction turn right • signposted *Asby & Soulby*.

Now the road crosses an area of limestone pavement and on a clear day the view ahead opens up to reveal the full grandeur of the *North Pennines* - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The distinctive V-shaped notch in the escarpment is *High Cup Nick*. Further left on the skyline is the Civil Aviation Authority radar station on *Great Dun Fell*. To the extreme left is the extensive summit plateau of *Cross Fell* - the highest top of the whole Pennine range at 893m.

Another cattle grid is crossed and the open moorland is left behind. The road drops down to pass the tiny hamlet of *Little Asby*, off to the right. Go straight on • and after ½ mile a crossroads is met, just past a telephone box. Turn left • signposted *Great Asby 2½* and follow this road all the way to that village (ignoring a left turn to *Grange Hall* and a right turn to *Warcop*). At the bottom of a steep hill, turn left • into *Great Asby* and follow the road along beside the village beck. Just after a pub called the *Three Greyhounds*, the road bears right over a stone bridge across the beck, and the entrance to *St. Peter's Church* is immediately on the right. Park outside the church gates.



St. Peter's Church, Great Asby

Delightfully sited in the centre of the village, beside *Asby Beck* and near *St. Helen's Well*.

About the church...

The spacious Grade II listed building (consecrated in 1866) was erected to replace an earlier church on a site believed to have been used for Christian purposes since the 7th century.

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