

There isn't such a thing as a "typical" Bedfordshire church; in the south many are built of flint, but the most common material is ironstone (carstone), which imparts a dark, sometimes grim look.

Anglo-Saxon work has survived in several churches, notably Turvey and St. Peter's, Bedford.

Excellent early Norman monastic churches survive at Elstow and Dunstable. Several much later buildings are noteworthy, like the thatched Congregational church at Roxton, and Victorian Gothic structures at Woburn and Turvey. It's impossible to view Bedfordshire churches without mentioning John Bunyan, who received his spiritual awakening at St. Paul's, Bedford, and regularly attended Elstow church where he delighted in ringing the bells.

The bus walks start from the church location and is a walk to the next church location. There is guidance on how to catch the bus to and from the churches and from Bedford. So get your Bus Passes.

Organised by Roy Carter – 07784 208997

Journey 1: Turvey to Clifton Reynes – Friday 27th March – 09:45am – 7 miles

Park in Turvey OR catch the No. 41 bus to Turvey at 09:10 from Bedford Bus Station (bay C)

Journey 2: Swineshead to Kimbolton – Friday 10th April – 09:15am – 6 miles

Park in Riseley OR catch bus No. 28 to Swineshead at 09:00 from Bedford Bus Station (bay Q)

Journey 3: Felmersham to Fardish – Friday 24th April – 10:00am – 8 miles

Park in Felmersham OR catch bus No. 50 at 09:50 from Bedford Bus Station (bay E)

Journey 4: St Pauls Warden to Hitchin – Friday 8th May – 10:00am – 6 miles

Park in Woodside CP, Hitchin OR catch bus No.9B at 08:25 from Bedford Bus Station (bay G)

Journey 5: Lower Gravenhurst to Flitton – Friday 22nd May – 10:15am – 7 miles

Park in Clophill OR catch bus No. 44 at 09:35 from Bedford Bus Station (bay A) & walk up Clophill High Street.

Journey 6: Toddington to Chalgrave – Friday 5th June – 10:00am – 5 miles

Park in Toddington OR catch bus No.42 at 09:00 from Bedford Bus Station (bay B)

Journey 7: Castle Ashby to Earls Barton – Friday 19th June – 09:30am – 5 miles

Park in the carpark outside the Falcon Wellness Centre in Castle Ashby

Journey 8: Woburn to Potsgrove – Friday 3rd July – 10:00am – 6.5 miles

Park in Woburn – **no bus on this walk**

Journey 9: Wing to Leighton Buzzard – Friday 17th July – 09:30am – 6 miles

Park in Leighton Buzzard and catch the X4 bus in the High Street (Stop 4) at 09:45

Journey 10: Eaton Bray to Edlesborough – Friday 14th August – 10:15am – 6 miles

Park in Chiltern Gateway Centre OR catch bus No.40 at 09:35 from Dunstable Asda (Stop J1)

Journey 11: Luton to Dunstable – Friday 28th August – 10:00am – 7 miles

Park in Luton OR catch the train at 09:32 from Bedford Train Station

Journey 12: Elstow to Bedford – Friday 11th September – 10:00am – 4 miles

Park in Elstow OR catch bus No.44 at 09:35 from Bedford Bus Station (bay A)

Journey 13: Roxton to Abbotsley – Friday 25th September – 11:15am – 6.5 miles

Park in Roxton OR catch bus No.905 at 10:35 from Bedford Bus Station (bay O)

Journey 14: Buckden to Offord Darcy – Friday 9th October – 10:15am – 4 miles

Park in St Neots OR catch bus No.905 at 09:35 from Bedford Bus Station (bay O)

Journey 15: Jordans Mill to Edworth – Friday 23rd October – 10:00am – 7 miles

Park in the Overflow Car Park at Jordans Mill at 10:00. **No bus on this walk**