

## 7 St Bartholomew's, Kirkwhelpington



On 'St Oswald's Way' walking route

A 13th century building with a broad perpendicular tower, long nave and chancel incorporating 15th and 19th century alterations. Excavations reveal the church originally had aisles and transepts. The engineer Sir Charles Parsons is buried here. John Hodgson wrote his History of Northumberland during his incumbency between 1823-34.

OPEN TO VISITORS

DURING DAY-TIME HOURS



[www.kirkwhelpingtoncambo.org](http://www.kirkwhelpingtoncambo.org)

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## 8 St Wilfrid's, Kirkharle



A beautifully light and tranquil space

Grade 1 14th century church is situated in the heart of Northumbrian farmland close to Kirkharle Courtyard visitor centre. It witnessed the ravages of the Border Riever years and a gruesome murder. Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, the renowned landscape gardener was baptised here in 1716.

OPEN TO VISITORS

9AM - 4PM



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## 9 St Bartholomew's, Kirkheaton



A simple and very peaceful Chapel of Ease

The 13th century Chapel was rebuilt between 1753-5. In 1867/8 the chancel was enlarged, a vestry added and the interior altered by the first vicar of the Oxford Movement in the North. There is an attractive and unusual bell-cote, mentioned by Pevsner.

OPEN TO VISITORS

9AM - 5PM

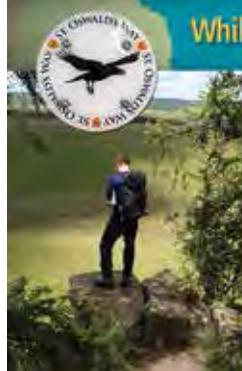


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**While you're in the area why not visit:**



**St. Oswald's Way** - explore an area rich in wildlife, walks and cycle trails. Internationally important for bird life and designated as an area of outstanding natural beauty along its full length.



[www.stoswaldsway.com](http://www.stoswaldsway.com)



## Bolam Lake Country Park

Bolam Lake Country Park is situated in the heart of the beautiful Northumberland countryside surrounded by historic landscapes and dramatic views. It has lakeside, woodland and open grassed areas for you to enjoy.

[www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)

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### KEY TO SYMBOLS IN THE GUIDE

	Churchyard		Public transport nearby
	Partially accessible for wheelchair users		Guided tours
	Accessible toilet		Café
	Fully accessible for wheelchair users		Ramp
	Toilet		Children's trail/activities
	Hearing Loop		Telephone

## 1,000 years of heritage to explore and enjoy



This trail will take you past Wallington with its gardens and woods, Bolam Lake country park, Belsay Hall and quarry garden, Hartburn Glebe and Grotto, St Oswald's Way through Kirkwhelpington and Kirkharle Courtyard

**Creative Arts Centre.** You will travel through some of the most beautiful countryside in the North of England – landscapes that inspired Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, born at Kirkharle, to recreate throughout the country. Close to where the Devil's Causeway crosses the Hart Burn is a hidden eccentric surprise! Down in the Glebe, owned by the Woodland Trust, is a **grotto with Gothic arches** and two rooms-one with a fireplace and a passageway to the river! This was excavated in the 18C by the incumbent "for bathers along which they may pass unperceived by the impertinent eye of vulgar persons"! **(NB. Walk is quite demanding)**

Explore more historic churches via this website:

[www.spiritinstone.info](http://www.spiritinstone.info)

*This trail has been created by local volunteers as part of the Spirit In Stone project, with the support of the Church of England Diocese of Durham, Diocese of Newcastle and the Heritage Lottery Fund.*



CHURCH TRAILS

# Country Churches Revealed

Exploring hidden gems of Christian heritage



Take a closer look at the inspired heritage of Mid-Northumberland's historic churches, each with its own special atmosphere, tranquillity, artistic features and stories to tell. Nine churches within easy reach and open daily.

## 1 St Mary Magdalene, Whalton



Home of the Whalton Christ montage

A beautiful 13th century church with an Anglo-Saxon tower sited in an idyllic rural village with a Lutyens designed manor house. Medieval glass window and one-handed, blue turret clock dating from 1796. Stunning millennium montage of Christ made from 2,850 photographs taken by villagers.

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SUNRISE TO SUNSET



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[www.whaltonvillage.co.uk/church/](http://www.whaltonvillage.co.uk/church/)

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## 2 St John the Baptist, Meldon



Located in a "Doubly Thankful Village"

A beautiful church in miniature - measuring 23x6 yards! Built in the 13th century with medieval stained glass windows and ornate painted ceiling. Unique pair of headstones set pillow fashion between uprights from 1691-1693.

OPEN TO VISITORS

SUNRISE TO SUNSET



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[www.achurchnearyou.com/meldon-st-john-the-baptist/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/meldon-st-john-the-baptist/)

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## 3 St Andrew's, Bolam



World War Two Bombing Miracle

Unspoilt Romanesque church with Anglo-Saxon tower, medieval grave slabs and amazing views. Spirituality and a sense of peace seep from its ancient stones. Survived a German bomb being dropped which fortunately did not explode! Unique quatrefoil piers with broad moulded capitals.

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SUNRISE TO SUNSET



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[www.standrewsbolam.co.uk](http://www.standrewsbolam.co.uk)

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## 4 St Andrew's, Hartburn



Beautiful location with hidden grotto close by

Grade I listed church with 11th century Anglo-Saxon tower. Two daggers/ swords above a Maltese Cross on the doorpost indicate links with the Knights Templar. A Cromwellian money box - empty now! Peninsular War flags on display. A splendid font dates from around 1250. The first church in Northumberland to be heated by ground source.

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## 5 St Giles, Netherwitton



A truly hidden treasure

A haven of peace and tranquility nestling beside the river Font. Offering the visitor an unrivalled opportunity for personal contemplation, this little gem contains some of the richest stained glass windows to be seen. A life size effigy of Agnes Thornton shows her fashionable dress and lovely smile.

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SUNRISE TO SUNSET



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## 6 Holy Trinity, Cambo



Hilltop church for a model village

The present church was built in 1842 to serve the newly created parish; the fine tower added in 1888 is a landmark for miles around. Richly carved 13th century grave covers from the former Chapel of Ease near the site are incorporated in the Tower lobby.

OPEN TO VISITORS

9AM - 5.30PM



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