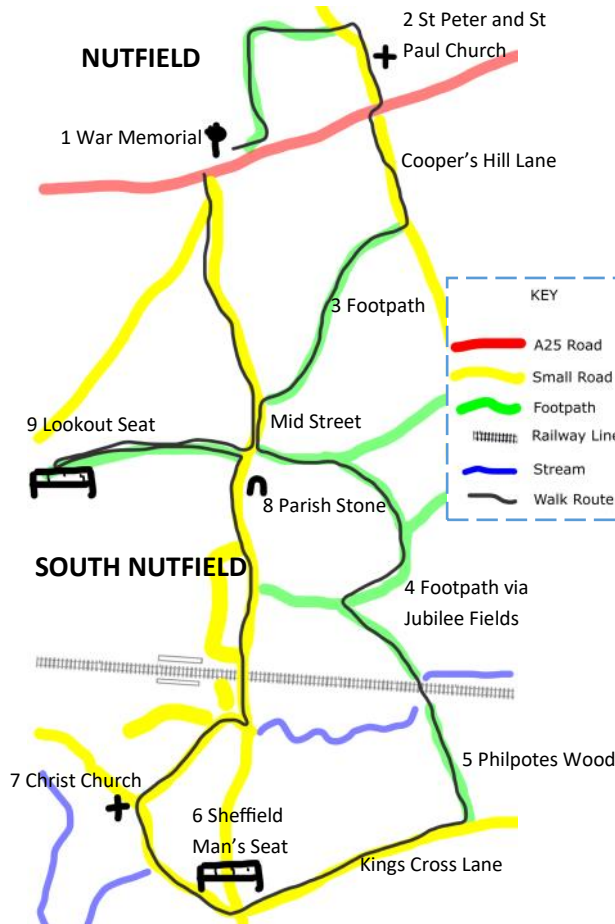


A Walk round Nutfield and South Nutfield

This 5 mile walk visits both Parish Churches, and some beautiful countryside. It is hilly and muddy in places.



1. You can start anywhere. This description starts at the War Memorial.
2. Follow the path, that starts alongside Nutfield Memorial Hall, through the woods, and above the sports field. Then take a right hand path to St Peter and St Paul Church.
3. Walk up Church Hill and cross the A23 (High Street) where safe. Follow Cooper's Hill Lane (no pavement in places so be careful - hi-viz would help). After 400 meters take the footpath on the right next to Little Acre house and follow the narrow path, with views. It ends at Mid Street at, what was, Little Cormonger's Farm.
4. Turn left and descend Mid Street a short way. Take the footpath on the left beside the old bakery (15 Mid Street). After a narrow way, the footpath enters a field and the path divides. Take the right divide and head down hill. Bear right until a metal gate. Go through. There are a network of paths here with 3 fields called Jubilee Fields. From the Scout Hut aim for the steps over the railway through 2 more gated fields.
5. Cross over the railway. Bear left and follow the footpath through Philpotes Wood. You can take any paths you like here until you end up at a road - Kings Cross Lane.
6. Turn right into Kings Cross Lane and follow the lane to the junction with Mid Street and view the seat at the junction of Mid Street and Kings Cross Lane (no pavement on Kings Cross Lane in places so be careful).
7. Continue along Kings Cross Lane to Christ Church. There is a seat in the Garden of Remembrance.
8. Follow the road opposite - the Avenue - passing the Station Pub, then bear right. At Mid Street turn left. Continue up Mid Street under the railway arch, by the shop, village hall and school. The site of the Parish Boundary Stone is on a green verge, in front of some trees and hedges, after 43 Mid Street.
9. Continue up Mid Street. Take the footpath opposite 23 Mid Street until you find a seat. After enjoying the view, go back to Mid Street. Continue up Mid Street until the A25 (High Street) junction. Cross carefully.



1. The War Memorial is a stone Celtic cross with knotwork. It has a plinth with names in black lettering of the men from Nutfield who died in WWI and WWII. (The picture is of Private Joiner.) Next door is a community hall called Nutfield Memorial Hall. It was damaged by arson and rebuilt in 2015. Behind is a sports field. (The memorial hall and field have a car park for users.)



2. The people of Nutfield have worshipped in a church for over 1000 years. A church is mentioned in Domesday Book. The current church, St Peter and St Paul, was built from the 13th century. The church was extended and restored in 1884. It is situated in a churchyard with mature trees and a memorial Lychgate.



3. At the top of Coopers Hill Lane and Mid Street you will see the stratified rock out of which the roads were hewn. This picture shows the Greensand rock beside Coopers Hill Lane.



4. Jubilee Fields comprise three fields, covering 16 acres. They are situated at the end of Scout Hut Lane. Entrances are marked by metal fences and gates. Footpaths radiate from the entrance gate by the Scout Hut.



5. Philpotes Wood is cared for by The Woodland Trust and was created to commemorate the Millennium. It features trees (some mature and many recently planted), a meadow, a network of paths, and an information board.



6. This tumble-down bench, remembering Tommy from Sheffield, has a view of Ridge Green Farm and is next to the wall of Ridge Green House. Ridge Green Farm, previously called Butchings, dates from the 15th century. A group of Baptists used to meet there around 1760. The picture is of the barn at Ridge Green Farm, as it looked in the 1960s. Ridge Green House is a large house with grounds that used to extend all the way to Christ Church.



7. Christ Church was built in 1888 in red brick, with a wood shingled spire, and tiled roof, and windows and doors of bath stone. A memorial garden was added in 1987. where ashes can be scattered and flowers placed.



8. This boundary stone reads 'L.N. Ch. Ch. P.D. 1888, No 1' that is the 'Lower Nutfield Christ Church Particular District, 1888, No1'. It marked the 1888 parish boundary between St Peter and St Paul Church and Christ Church. The boundary stone also stood in front of South Nutfield Free Church, previously called Nutfield Mission. A brick chapel with a blue door was opened here on 20th October 1886. An iron school room was added in 1889.



9. From this viewing point you can see Mid Street and Trindles Road below. There may be cows grazing on the slopes, or sheep in fields below. To your right is Redhill Aerodrome where small planes take off. Further away larger planes take off from Gatwick Airport. Trains can be watched travelling along the railway embankment.

Comments about the walk to midstreeter@outlook.com. The walk was created for the 134th anniversary of South Nutfield Free Church.