

1 From St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard

From **St Andrew's Church, Kirkby Malzeard** -Turn right out of the churchyard and follow the road downhill with care. Shortly after crossing the bridge and the road begins to ascend, take the signed right of way on your right up through a small wood to a gate/stile to farmland. Go through the field, across a farm track and continue in the same direction through fields and gates towards a house. Leaving the house to your left, cross a stile and carry on along the hedge line on your left, to a stile by a ruined shed. Over the stile cross the field diagonally up to the far corner where the path descends by steep steps to a road. Turn left and walk through **Grewelthorpe village**, past the duck pond (a suggested place to 'pause and ponder'), the community café (usually open lunchtimes Mon Wed Fri Sat Sun) and the Crown Inn to **St James' Church**.

2 From St James' and the Methodist Church, Grewelthorpe

From **St James' Churchyard**, turn left and immediately left again to follow the lane between the church and the pub. Pass the end of the churchyard, walk down the hill and just as the lane bends to the right take a footpath on the left to Hackfall woodland. On entering Hackfall go down and across a stream to a useful information board. (There are many points of interest to explore in **Hackfall** if you have time, our route takes a fairly direct line down through the woods).

Follow the path past the information board, over a second bridge and walk down through the woodland keeping the stream on your right. Ignore the turning to the left (to the Ruin and Car Park) and take the turning to the right to Alum Springs. Then very shortly take a path on the left (where the path to Alum Springs bends right) to continue downhill with the stream on your right. When you reach a junction of paths turn right to visit the octagonal folly of Fishers Hall and its view of the River Ure (a suggested place to 'pause and ponder').

A path just to the right of Fishers Hall leads steeply down via some stone steps. With the River Ure on your left, cross stepping stones over a stream and follow the often muddy path. The undulating way continues through beech and oak woodland with the River Ure below. Ignoring the turn on your right to Mowbray Castle, continue to a gap in a wire fence. Through more

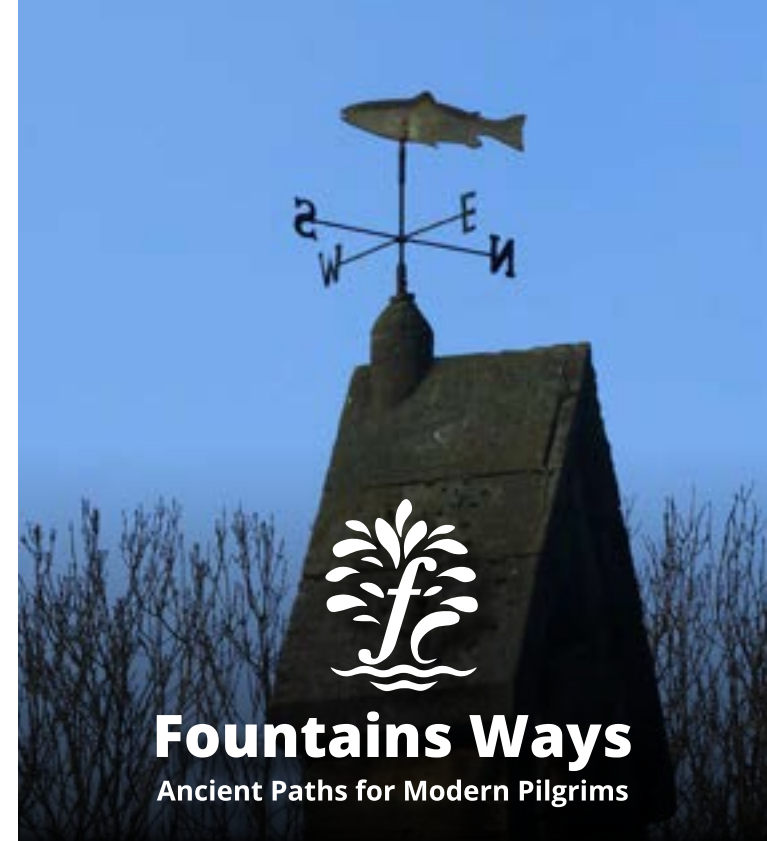
woodland the path arrives at a junction with a larger path. Turn left and after about 150m look out for a narrow path on your left. Follow this path with the River Ure below you to a tarmac road. Turn left to walk into the village of **Mickley**, to find on your left the church of **St John the Evangelist**.

3 From St John the Evangelist Church, Mickley

Turn left out of the churchyard and after 100m take a signed right of way on your right onto a driveway. Go through an upright wooden gate to a fenced path winding around a large garden. Go through gates and a small field to a wooded nature reserve. Walk uphill through the trees and another gate to a metal gate onto arable farmland. Turn right towards a huge oak tree (a suggested place to 'pause and ponder').

Go through the gate just past the oak tree and turn left to follow the field edge and line of trees in a SSW direction to cross a stile. Go down through the gate immediately below the stile and follow the bending track down to a small meadow area. Continue across the meadow and up to a large ash tree beside a bridleway. Turn right and follow the bridleway to a road.

Turn left and walk uphill on the road with care to a road junction where you turn left. 100m beyond the junction take the signed public right of way on your right through a gate. Follow the field boundary ahead to cross a stile at the corner of the field. Cross the next field to a double stile then walk diagonally to the right SW across the next field to some gates. Go through whichever gate seem easiest and continue in the same SW direction to the corner of the next field (aim to the right of the obvious wood and hedge line, with the tower of **Kirkby Malzeard's church** ahead). At this field corner climb over a stile and fence. Then carry on in the same direction SW diagonally across the next field, through a gate in a flimsy wire fence, to a stile beside a field gate and a small stream in a belt of woodland. Carry on in the SW direction past another impressive oak tree, over a stile and towards some farm buildings. Turn right along the edge of the field by the buildings, through a gate and onto a concrete farm track. Go straight ahead on the track towards a road. Before the track reaches the road turn left through a gate/stile towards a wood. Go through a second gate/stile and down through the woodland to the road. Turn left and continue on the road with care up hill to find **St Andrew's Church** on your left.



Fountains Ways

Ancient Paths for Modern Pilgrims

Fishers' Way

Kirkby Malzeard, Grewelthorpe, Mickley

All route descriptions are for clockwise walking
Timings allow a short time at each church

Round walk, all churches: 7 miles (11 Km)
Time: allow 4.30 hours for time in the churches
Start: At any of the three churches. Street parking should be possible in each village.



Hazards Take great care on the road sections. The paths through Hackfall Woods can be slippery and often very muddy beside the River Ure. There may be livestock in some fields.



Accessibility
Numerous stiles, some tied gates and some steep steps. Some stiles are in poor condition.



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Kirkby Malzeard

A **Pause and ponder:** Grewelthorpe
duck pond

What colours, shapes, reflections or
movement do you see?
Look out for a kingfisher!



2 St James' and the Methodist
Church, Grewelthorpe

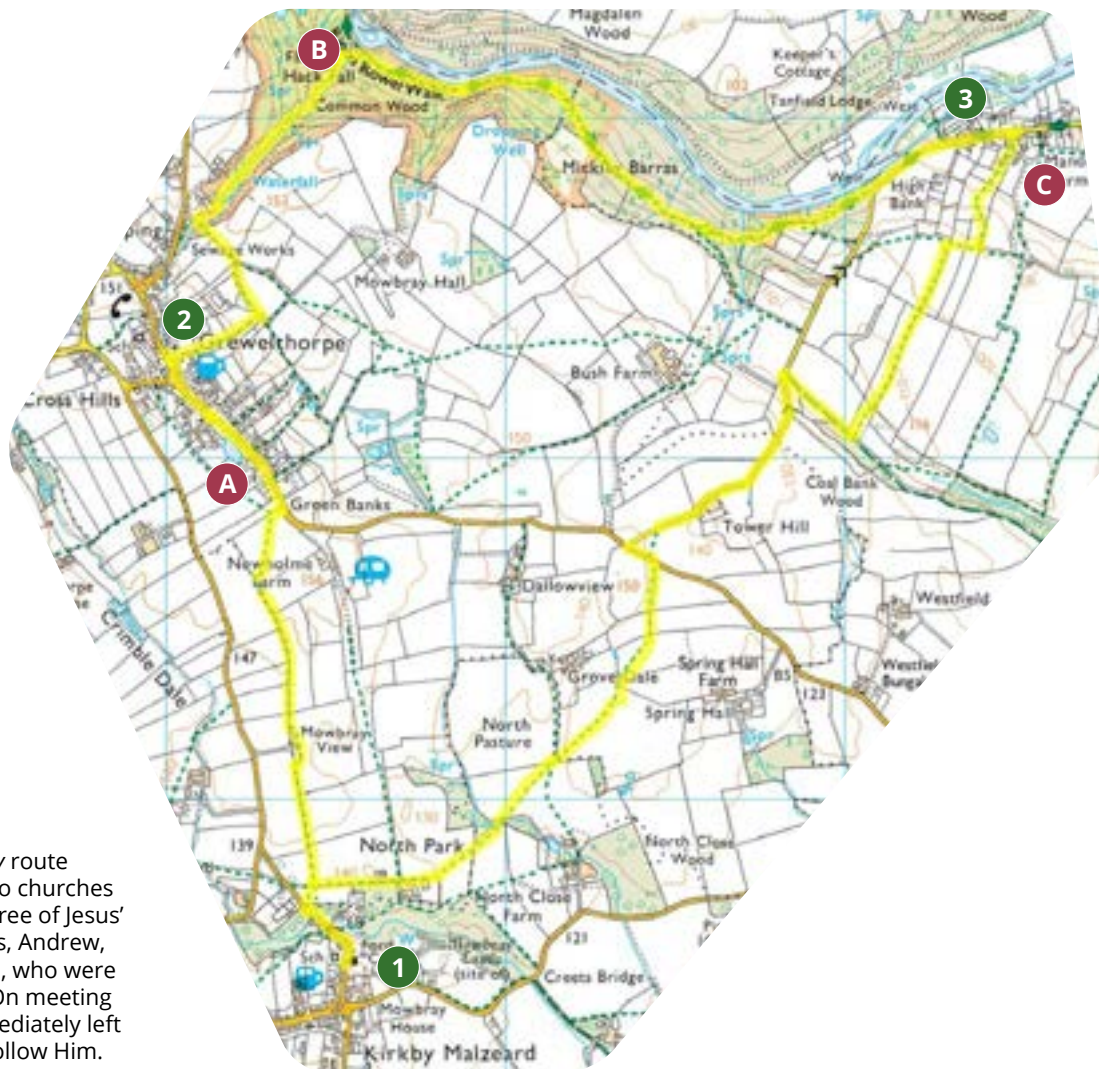
B **Pause and ponder:** Fisher's Hall,
Hackfall Woods and the River Ure

What do you hear?
Water, trees, wildlife, silence?
Which other senses are you using to
help you to be fully present?



The *Fishers' Way* route
includes visits to churches
dedicated to three of Jesus'
closest disciples, Andrew,
James and John, who were
all fishermen. On meeting
Jesus they immediately left
their trade to follow Him.

What might help you
journey on the path to
deeper faith?



3 St John the Evangelist Church,
Mickley

C **Pause and ponder:** A veteran oak
and view down to Mickley Church

"Great oaks from little acorns grow."
(14th Century proverb).
How is this reflected in your life?



PILGRIMS' PRAYER

May the peace of Jesus fill us,
at all times and in all places.

May his love surround us,
especially in times of trial.

May his joy well up from deep
within us, overflowing into the
lives of those around us.

And, as we walk the path that
lies before us each day, may we
know ourselves perfectly loved,
gently held,
and graciously forgiven.

Amen

