

● **Distance** 10km/6¼ miles ● **Time** 3hrs ● **Grade** Moderate

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The now disused Catholic Apostolic church near the start of your walk.

In the peaceful Tillingbourne Valley, there stands a fine 19th-century Catholic Apostolic church, built by Henry Drummond, owner of Albury Park Estate. In 1840, it became the spiritual centre for a body of Christians, whose fervent conviction was that the 'second coming' was imminent. When the last minister died, the church closed its doors to the public for the last time.

By Mike Cope.

1 START

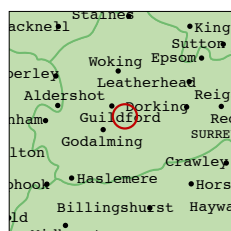
Go L out of Silent Pool car park, along busy A25, and take first R signposted to Albury. Pass Catholic Apostolic church, L, and cross over Tillingbourne stream. Keep ahead at sharp R-hand bend and take next L along a private drive to Albury Park. At next junction, fork L to visit Albury's old parish church (well worth visiting), or R to continue walk. Go R at

fingerpost on rising ground, and through a kissing-gate into woods. Keep on steadily ascending sandy path, ignoring all turn-offs. Path descends, crosses a junction, and enters woodland. Pass knarred trunks of old chestnut trees, before reaching a gate near a dwelling. Turn immediately L, through a kissing-gate, and follow Shere Millennium parish trail.

2 2.8km/1¾ miles

Follow wide, enclosed path through parkland, with fabulous views of North Downs straight ahead. At valley bottom, go through a wicket-gate and then R through Vicky's Gate, keeping Tillingbourne stream L. Notice wonderful clarity of water as you follow path into Shere village. Pass White Horse pub and head for pointed spire of Shere church. Pass to R of church, and when lane ends, follow yellow waymark. Go ➤

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Terrain Well-marked undulating paths across fields, heath and parkland

Stiles 1

Suitable for Most adults, children and dogs

START/PARKING

Silent Pool, grid ref TQ059485

Nearest town Guildford

Refreshments White Horse, Shere; King William IV, Little London

Public toilets None

Public transport Arriva buses 21, 22 and 32 Guildford-Redhill; 25 Guildford-Cranleigh, stop at Silent Pool

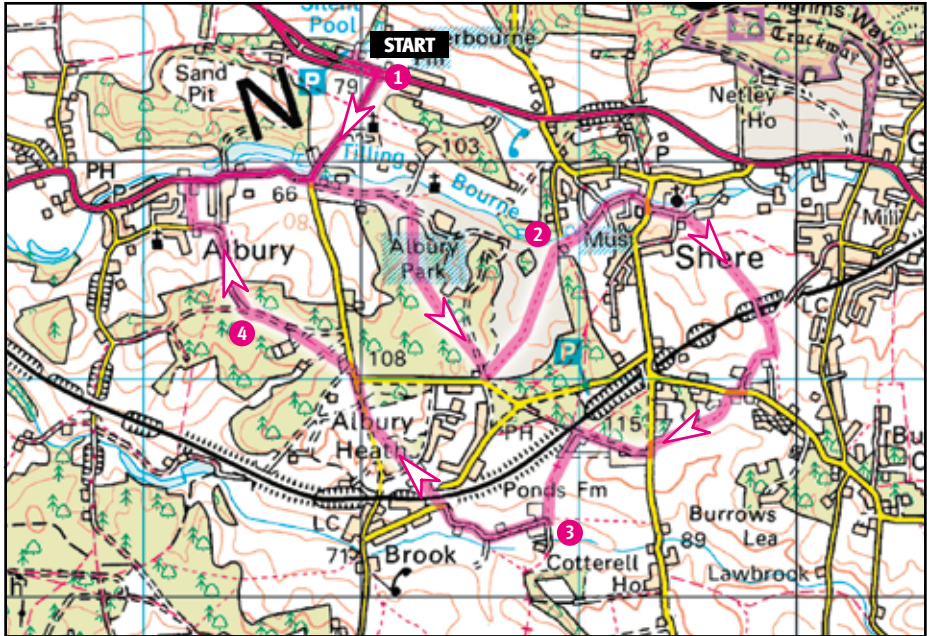
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CUT ALONG HERE

➤ through kissing-gate and keep ahead at next junction. Cross railway line via footbridge and take next bridleway R near walled garden, and follow path to road. Zig-zag R, then L along footpath. At road, zig-zag L then R along public byway. Keep on byway, as it bends L, past railway crossing and cottages and along hollow lane.

3 5.8km/3½ miles

Turn R, before farm, along narrow path between gravel drive and breeze-block wall. Climb stile and continue along lane, horse paddocks R. Pass

under railway bridge and turn immediately L along footpath. Keep on obvious path across Albury Heath. Bear L through car park and go R at road. Pass sports field and at Park Road, bear half-L towards cottage, to pick up bridleway. Maintain direction into woodland, following blue waymark. Pass open area, where track widens and then descends into gully.

4 7.8km/4¾ miles

At next fork, branch R to follow narrow descending gully. Look L, soon after, to see tower of Albury church and St

Martha's, perched on hill. Keep descending past sandstone outcrop, where path bends sharp L. Take next R down alleyway to road. Turn R and follow road through Albury village. When you reach a sharp L-hand bend, go L and retrace steps to car park.

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