

Leaning tower of Puxton



A beautiful and unique church nestles in the heart of North Somerset's countryside. Before stepping inside, enjoy this short, level, circular walk to stretch your legs.

Puxton is a small parish nestled within low-lying North Somerset. Although it's only a short drive from the hustle and bustle of Weston-super-Mare, it can only be reached by country lanes so retains its feeling of remoteness.

From the village green, near the church, walk away from the junction with Puxton Lane and head along the length of Puxton Road for about half a mile until you reach its junction with Mays Green Lane.

Just before the junction, you will see a new metal kissing gate on your left.

Go through here and head straight across the field towards a gate in the next hedgerow.

This gate leads to a little wooden bridge. Cross this and then head across the next field towards another bridge (with gates at either end again).



How to get there

Start at map ref: 407 633 (OS 153)

Car: Puxton is reached off the A370, half way between the M5 junction and Congresbury. Limited parking is available by the village green, in front of the church at the top of Puxton Road, near its junction with Puxton Lane.

Walk information

Distance: approx 1.5 miles

Difficulty: easy – this is a very short, level walk with no stiles (just gates)

Duration: allow 1 hr, with time to view inside the church

Map: OS Explorer 153

Go over this bridge and head across the next field towards a metal gate, which takes you across the rhyme. Cross the rhyme and enter the next field through the gate on your right, then turn left and walk along the edge of the field, with the hedgerow on your left.

At the end of the field, go through another gate, over the bridge, and enter the next field.



Continue straight ahead, with the farm buildings ahead of you. Follow this field around the edge and across the top. The next gate/bridge is in the far corner. Keep dogs under control and on leads if there are cattle in the field.

Exit this field over the bridge and veer slightly to the left to the next gate/bridge. You will now see the church ahead of you. This bridge is overgrown with thorns so take care.

Continue straight ahead across the field towards Puxton's medieval Grade 1 listed Church of the Holy Saviour. By walking to it from the south side, you get a clear view of the leaning tower. Enter the churchyard via a final gate/bridge.



Therefore it was not built as high as was originally intended. Despite the lean, the tower survived bomb-blast damage during the Second World War.

Above the entrance is a coat of arms thought to be that of the St Loe family, who were landowners in Puxton in the 15th and 16th centuries.

The church is usually open during daylight hours and information boards outside give an insight into its history.

The oak benches date from before the Reformation and the pulpit is Jacobean (circa 1620).

Guidebooks are available in the church, with a £3 donation, and other donations are welcomed.

Exit the front of the churchyard to return to Puxton Road and the village green, and your starting point.



The church dates from the 12th century, with rebuilding done between the 14th and 16th centuries. It was declared redundant in 2002 after structural problems were found with the roof timbers and is now cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust.

The leaning 15th century tower started to settle towards the southwest while it was being built, due to soft, peaty foundations.

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