

THE THREE CHURCHES WALK CAMELFORD, ADVENT, LANTEGLOS

(RED ROUTE 4 MILES – ALLOW 2-3 HOURS)



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This walk is not suitable for persons wishing to take large or elderly dogs



It may be split into shorter walks as there is parking spaces at all three Churches

The Countryside Code

Respect other people

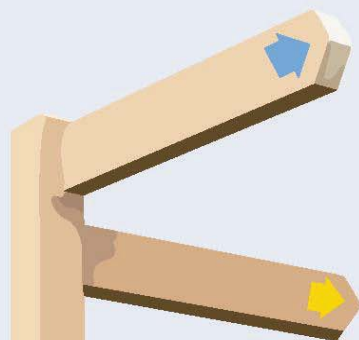
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



*Enjoy,
be safe*



GENERAL INFORMATION

These maps are produced by Camelford Town Council

There are several walks in and around Camelford. Signposts for each are differently coloured:

- Red Route – Three Churches
- Green Route – Camelford Town Trail and Enfield Park
- White Route – The Watermill Walk

OS Maps for the area of Bodmin Moor can be bought at The Library/Town Hall. This is the building with the Camel weathervane on top.

There are lots of eateries within (and just outside) of Camelford, 2hrs free car parking at Churchfield Car Park, a drinking water fountain and free toilets at the entrance of Enfield Park by the bandstand.

Camelford Town Council (CTC) recommend that you download the “What3words” app on your phone in case you need to phone 999 which will help the emergency services locate you. The app is free!



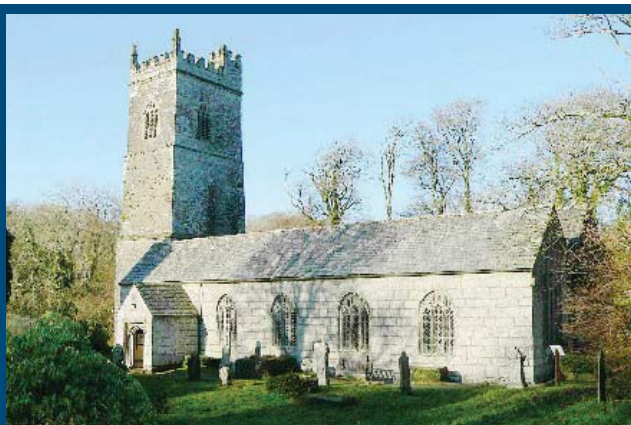
Bodmin Hospital (Minor Injuries Unit) – 01208 251300 or call 111 or 999 in an emergency. The hospital is located in Bodmin, PL31 2QT

CTC would be grateful for any comments (good or bad, but hopefully good!) regarding your experience of Camelford. Either email admin@camelford-tc.gov.uk or message us via Facebook @CamelfordTC

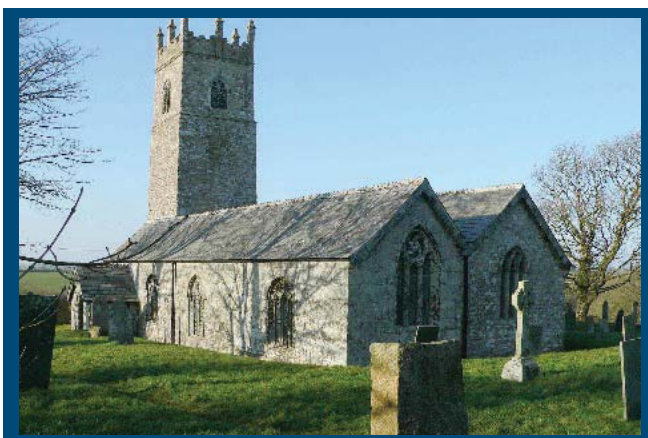
CTC hopes you enjoy your walk. Do tell people about Camelford and come back and visit us again!



**ST. THOMAS'S
CHURCH
CAMELFORD**



**ST. JULITTA'S
CHURCH
LANTEGLOS**



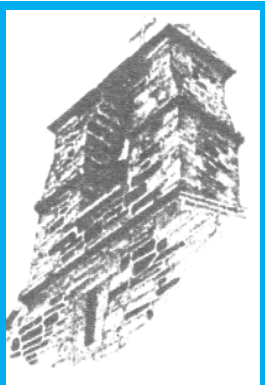
**ST. ADWENNA'S
CHURCH
ADVENT**

THREE CHURCHES WALK

This triangular walk starts at the car park near the bridge. St Thomas's Church, adjoining the park, is a modern building (1938). It may seem strange that a town, already important enough in the 13th Century to be granted a charter by Henry III, should not have its own mediaeval church. The older foundations at Lanteglos and Advent served the spiritual needs of the town



The burgesses of Camelford built their own chapel near the river-crossing, and dedicated it to St Thomas the Martyr. This, however, was despoiled at the time of the Reformation, fell into disrepair, and was eventually demolished. The name alone remains to connect the old with the new.



Turn right out of the car park, go past the handsome manor house, over the bridge and past the gates of Enfield Park. Cross the road at the traffic lights and carry on past the Town Hall /Library, with its clock and golden camel weather-vane and the ancient Darlington Hotel

(re-named after a 19th Century patron of the borough), Part way up the hill you will find an archway between two shops on the left with a public footpath sign. This is the beginning of the path, which goes steeply down to the river and along the bank, past the sewerage works and out into open meadows.

The town is now left behind, and this stretch of the path following the River Camel down its sheltered valley, is delightfully peaceful. At Fenteroon bridge, turn right up the road and rejoin the path on your left a short walk up the hill.

Cross the fields, and so down through the woods, emerging again into the water-meadow, cross obliquely to the wooden footbridge (built with the help of Camel Ramblers Association in 1921) over the river and up to the road.



Turn right, and on your left is Trethin Manor. Records for this manor house go back to 1337, when the estate was leased by the Black Prince, Duke of Cornwall, to William de Trethian, for nine shillings and sixpence per annum. The present house was mainly built around 1500, with a wing and porch added in 1655. The outbuildings, including a mill and a forge, have been converted into holiday cottages.

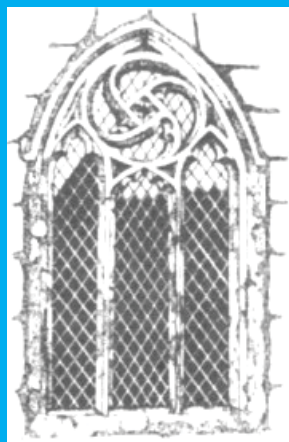
Just past the gates of Trethin, take the stile to the left, through a garden with two trout-ponds. Cross into the next field, and head for the top left-hand corner, where a stile leads into Advent church-yard.

Whereas Camelford was for centuries a town without a church, Advent is a church without a village. It stands alone among the fields, but the footpaths converging on it from all directions tell us that it is (or was) a centre of worship for the outlying farms and hamlets. Like many churches in this area, Advent is thought to have been founded originally by one of the numerous children of Brechan of Wales, in the 4th or 5th century.

The present building includes work of the 12th-15th centuries.

There is much of interest to be seen from the outside. Building materials are various, the south wall being constructed of massive granite blocks, the tower of small "rubble" granite, and the north side of slate, while the inner doorway is of moulded catacleuse stone. At one time there was a south transept, but it was removed after the roof collapsed in a snowstorm in the mid 19th century, leaving no clues except an enlarged window arch. One of the east windows has an unusual and beautiful windmill design. Leaving Advent church to head for Lanteglos, one might well be following in the footsteps of some bygone rector of the two parishes, hurrying on foot or horse back from one service to the next.

Retrace your steps from the church past Trethin and down to the footbridge. Coming up from the watermeadow through the woods to the road, you must climb the stile at SX09917 81934, cross first the B3266. Cross a large field on reaching the A39 take special care when crossing, and look for the waymarked path through Tramagenna. From here the path is marked by white posts across Bowood Park Golf Course through a little plantation to Lanteglos. The view westwards across the valley is superb and you don't have to play golf to enjoy it! When you reach the road, turn right down the hill to the church.



The name Lanteglos means it is the site of an old church, and that is just what it is. Like Advent, it stands alone, apart from a couple of cottages and the Rectory (re-designed by Pugin in 1847, and now a hotel.) The bleak and windswept siting of Advent, on the edge of Bodmin Moor, could not be more different from the peaceful, leafy valley which shelters Lanteglos.

St Julitta, the patron saint, is said to have been sister to St Adwen of Advent, and also gave her name to St Juliot's Well, up the road St. Juliot's church in the Valency valley and the ancient chapel at Tintagel Castle. An interesting collection of granite crosses have been assembled on the south side of the church. With one exception, they are "wayside crosses", which



were often displaced during road, widening, or simply "borrowed" for other purposes, until transferred for safe-keeping to the churchyard. The exception is the Saxon Castle Goff Stone, which has an inscribed shaft (translation thoughtfully provided) and a cross head, though the two have been separated.

From the church, walk up the road towards Camelford. Just past Juliot Wells a footpath takes you left across the fields to Trevia Walls. Cross the road. In a gateway on the left, look for a very worn old granite wayside cross, which is unusual in having a shield carved on it.

Soon afterwards turn right through a kissing gate which combines granite, slate and wrought iron. Follow the path and lane to Sportsman's, where the former work house, built in 1791, still stands, Cross the road and go straight ahead towards the town. Take the 2nd left left down Chapel Street (also known as Back Street), past the old Methodist Chapel and Sunday School, and so back through the town centre, to St Thomas's church.



This entire walk can be found
on the following Ordnance
Survey maps:
Landranger 200 and
Explorer 109

MAP OF THE ROUTE

