

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust
A CHURCH WALK ROUND WOKINGHAM

Start at **St Paul's Church**, Reading Road, RG41 1EH.



Designed by Henry Woodyer and built in 1862-4 at the expense of John Walter of Bearwood (proprietor of *The Times*). Noted for its landmark spire, fine gothic detailing, wall paintings and stained-glass windows.

Leaving the church, turn right and walk along Reading Road into the town centre. At the junction with Station Road you will pass the former parish rooms (with clock tower) and parish school, also provided by John Walter.

Continue along Shute End and Broad Street until you reach the Town Hall, designed by Reading architects Poulton and Woodman and built in 1860. Turn right after the Town Hall into the Market Place. Across the road, look for the passage between Headmasters Hairdressers and the Red Lion Pub. Follow this to the car park at the end. There, turn left. At the car park entrance look for Sturges Road, slightly to the right, avoiding (for the moment) Denton Road, straight ahead, and Crescent Road, more sharply right). A little way along Sturges Road is ...



Corpus Christi RC Church

Built in 1970, a bold design in brick by Barton Willmore and Partners of Reading, and a striking contrast to St Paul's.

Retrace your steps along Sturges Road, and now turn right into Denton Road.



The **Quaker Meeting House** - a former private house - is on your left.

Continue along Denton Road until you reach Easthampstead Road at the end. Turn left here (but not before noticing the former All Saints' parish rooms, designed by local architects Joseph Morris and Sons, 1902, almost opposite).

At the end of Easthampstead Road, turn right into Peach Street. After 100 yards or so you will arrive at the junction of Peach Street, Wiltshire Road and London Road. Diagonally opposite you will see ...



All Saints' Church - Wokingham's medieval parish church, though much restored by Henry Woodyer in the 1860s. The tower is fifteenth-century. The church is embarking on an ambitious scheme to make the building more accessible, flexible, welcoming and environmentally friendly.

Leave the church by the gate, cross the road, and walk down Rose Street, noting the many timber-framed buildings, several with jettied upper storeys. Toward the end, on the left, is ...

Wokingham Methodist Church, dating from 1870, but much extended.

After leaving the church, continue to the end of Rose Street. Turn right into Broad Street, and walk to the traffic lights at the far end. Here, veer to the right and take the road between the timber-framed building on the left and the former police station (designed by Joseph Morris in 1904) on the right. A little way down this road, on the right is ...



Wokingham Baptist Church - a bold brick building, designed by the same architects as the Town Hall

Retrace your steps to the traffic lights, turn right and right again into Shute End, and continue until you reach St Paul's

Distance: approx. 2.5 miles