



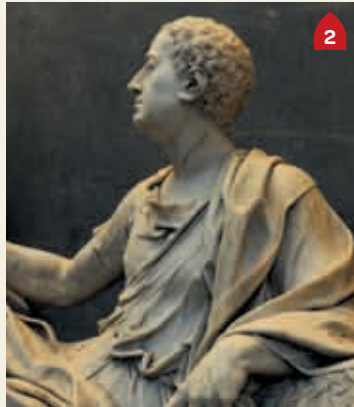
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Historic churches in
Derbyshire
Leicestershire
Nottinghamshire
Rutland

explore the
power
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soak up the atmosphere

Explore the historic churches of Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland and you'll be richly rewarded.



Each of these historic churches has its own treasures. You can find beautiful art and craftsmanship in these architectural wonders with noble connections, as well as churches of great charm and simplicity where it is easy to sit quietly and absorb the peace and tranquillity of centuries past.

All the churches in this leaflet have been saved by The Churches Conservation Trust. The Trust is a charity that cares for more than 340 churches in England. This is one of 18 leaflets that highlight their history and treasures.

For more information on the other guides in this series, as well as interactive maps and downloadable information, see visitchurches.org.uk

a king's governess

Lady Charlotte Finch, governess to George III's children and inventor of the wooden jigsaw, is commemorated at Holy Cross, Burley



Kedleston, All Saints

Derbyshire

1

Spectacular memorials and Norman monsters in a church of many ages

- 37 magnificent memorials – from the 13th to 20th centuries
- Norman doorway with wonderful carvings
- Early 18th-century tower sundial with a pun on life and death inscribed 'WEE SHALL' (soon-die-all)

All Saints' church is all that remains of the Medieval village of Kedleston, razed in 1759 by Sir Nathaniel Curzon to make way for the magnificent Kedleston Hall. Today, the adjacent hall is a beautiful National Trust property and you can easily combine a visit to both.

The Curzon family has lived at Kedleston for 700 years and their stunning memorials – created by several famous designers, including Robert Adam – fill the church. The grandest was erected in 1909, commissioned by Lord Curzon, Viceroy of India, for his wife Mary. A dazzling marble tomb – with lifesize figures and watching angels – floats on a sea of green translucent quartz in its own little chapel. Another monument from 1456 shows Sir John Curzon in full armour with his wife and their two dogs.

Outside, fiendish little faces glare out from the old Norman door surround.

Kedleston Hall, Quarndon DE22 5JH

→ 4m NW of Derby on A52

Nearest railway station: Derby (5 miles)

🕒 Open 26 Mar to 30 Oct, Mon-Weds, Sat-Sun: 11am-5pm



2

Stapleford, St Mary Magdalene

Leicestershire

A tasteful church with fabulous family tombs

This elegant, 18th-century Gothic Revival church was built by the fourth Earl of Harborough in the beautiful setting of Stapleford Park. Graceful outside and in, its spacious interior has pretty plasterwork and oak pews that face each other across the aisle. The monuments are magnificent – the finest, by famous Flemish-born sculptor Rysbrack, shows the first Earl in a Roman toga with his wife and young son.

Stapleford Park, Stapleford, Melton Mowbray LE14 2EF

→ 3m E of Melton Mowbray off B676

Nearest railway station: Melton Mowbray (3 miles)

🕒 Open daily



3

Withcote Chapel

Leicestershire

A charming Tudor chapel with windows fit for a king

This delightful early 16th-century chapel stands in wooded countryside near a Georgian manor. A towerless, pinnacled box made from pale gold ironstone, it looks like a miniature of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. The impressive interior was refurbished around 1744 and has changed little since. The walls are wood-panelled, the pews elegantly carved and the stained glass is thought to be by Gaylor Hone, Henry VIII's glazier.

Withcote, Oakham LE15 8DP

→ 4m SW of Oakham, just beyond Braunston

Nearest railway station: Oakham (5 miles)

🕒 Open daily



4

Elston Chapel Nottinghamshire Rustic chapel in a tranquil setting

This small, barn-like chapel of Norman origin stands peacefully in the middle of a field. Without a tower or even a bell-cote, it exemplifies simplicity and charm. The entrance is through a Norman door – a huge stone arch with zigzag decoration. Look for the graffiti on the door jamb from 1717. Inside, a set of late Georgian rustic pews, a gallery, communion table, a pulpit and wall paintings add to the simple country atmosphere.

Old Chapel Lane, Elston, Newark NG23 5NY
→ 5m SW of Newark off A46 Fosse Way
Nearest railway station: Newark (5 miles)

🕒 *Open daily*



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More churches to enjoy

Each CCT church has been saved because it is special. We can't do justice to them all in one leaflet, so visit our website for more information on those only briefly described here.

Derbyshire

Derby, St Werburgh

5

The 17th-century tower and old chancel of this large church are in the care of the Trust – but not the 'new' 19th-century church. The old chancel retains much of its woodwork and has a superb iron font cover. Dr Johnson was married here in 1735.

Friar Gate, Derby DE1 1BU

→ Derby town centre

🕒 *Key available from nearby Derby Museum & Art Gallery*

Leicestershire

Allexton, St Peter

6

A beautiful Medieval church, located in an attractive tree-filled churchyard. St Peter's great treasure is its Norman arcade, fabulously carved with zigzags and lozenge shapes.

Main Street, Allexton, Oakham LE15 9AB

→ 5m S of Oakham and 4m W of Uppingham just off A47

🕒 *Open daily*

Beeby, All Saints

7

Built of colourful orange ironstone in the 14th century, All Saints' is delightfully located overlooking parkland. The handsome tower has a mysteriously 'sawn-off' spire.

Main Street, Beeby, Leicester LE7 3BL

→ 7m NE of Leicester off A47

🕒 *Open daily*

Bretningby, St Mary Tower

8

A highly individual, saddle-backed tower and spire, standing proudly in the Eye valley. There is no access to the interior.

Main Road, Bretningby, Melton Mowbray LE14 4RX

→ 2m E of Melton Mowbray off B676

🕒 *Tower only, no visitor access to interior*

Edmondthorpe, St Michael & All Angels

9

An imposing Medieval church, with a striking battlemented tower. Its stunning memorials include a wonderfully ornate, three-tiered alabaster monument to Sir Roger Smith (d. 1655).

Main Street, Edmondthorpe, Melton Mowbray LE14 2JU

→ 7m E of Melton Mowbray and 7m N of Oakham, between B676 and A606

🕒 *Open Easter to end of Oct, Sat and Sun; at other times keyholder nearby*

Garthorpe, St Mary

10

Standing in a churchyard edged with trees, this beautiful Medieval church was built largely in the 14th century. The interior was tastefully restored in the Victorian era – look for the 19th-century altar screen with its Crucifixion painting.

Saxby Road, Garthorpe, Melton Mowbray LE14 2RS
→ 5m NE of Melton Mowbray off B676

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Leicester, All Saints

11

This attractive church, with its quiet, peaceful churchyard, is a refuge from busy Leicester. Built from the 12th to 19th centuries, it contains a Norman doorway and a richly carved 13th-century font.

Highcross Street, Leicester LE1 4PH
→ Off A50 Highcross Street, just N of the city centre ring road near A594 junction

🕒 *Keyholder nearby*

Stretton-en-le-Field, St Michael

12

Built of warm-toned sandstone, St Michael's is a beautiful Medieval church with an elegant, slender spire that rises above rolling wooded countryside. It is rare example of a church that avoided major Victorian restoration.

Rectory Lane, Stretton-en-le-Field, Swadlincote DE12 8AF
→ 5m SW of Ashby-de-la-Zouche and 1m N of M42, Junction 11

🕒 *Open 8am-5pm daily*

Nottinghamshire

Cotham, St Michael

13

Surrounded by picturesque countryside, you reach Medieval St Michael's by walking along a country lane, over a stile and across a field. It has a wonderful mix of windows in different Gothic styles.

Cotham, Newark NG23 5JS
→ 4m S of Newark off A46

🕒 *Open daily*

Fledborough, St Gregory

14

This imposing Medieval church, lying in the water meadows by the Trent, has a sturdy tower and lofty nave. Inside, it contains Medieval tombs and stained glass – and an effigy of a lady holding what is probably a heart.

Fledborough, Tuxford NG22 0UU
→ 7m E of Tuxford off A57

🕒 *Open daily*

Littleborough, St Nicholas

15

This tiny Norman church stands near the site of an old Roman fort – and Roman brick and tile have been used in its walls. Look out for the Norman doorway and the massive chancel arch.

Littleborough Road, Littleborough, Retford DN22 0HD
→ 8m E of Retford off A620

🕒 *Open daily*

Low Marnham, St Wilfrid

16

Handsome church built almost entirely in the 15th-century Gothic Perpendicular style. The delightfully well-proportioned and spacious interior contains elegant 18th-century monuments to the Cartwright family.

Holme Lane, Low Marnham, Tuxford NG23 6SL
→ 4m E of Tuxford off B1164 Great North Road

🕒 *Open daily*

Markham Clinton, Milton Mausoleum

17

Completed in 1833, this splendid classical building with its domed tower was designed for the 4th Duke of Newcastle as a mausoleum for his wife. The nave is separated from the mausoleum by large, elegant altar screens.

Newark NG22 0PW
→ 1m NW of Tuxford off A1 and B1164

🕒 *Open May-Oct on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 2.30-4.30pm*

Saundby, St Martin of Tours

18

A Medieval church with an impressive pinnaced tower dated 1504 and later sympathetically restored. Inside, outstanding features include a 14th-century effigy of a knight and stained glass by the renowned Victorian designer Charles Eamer Kempe.

Gainsborough Road, Saundby, East Retford DN22 9ER
→ 7m NE of Retford on A620 Gainsborough Road

🕒 *Open daily*

Rutland

Burley, Holy Cross

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An elegant Medieval church, restored in the Victorian age. It sits next to the great Baroque stately home of Burley-on-the-Hill and contains a moving 18th-century memorial to Lady Charlotte Finch, governess to George III's children.

Burley-on-the-Hill, Burley, Oakham LE15 7SU
→ 1m NE of Oakham off B668

🕒 *Open daily*

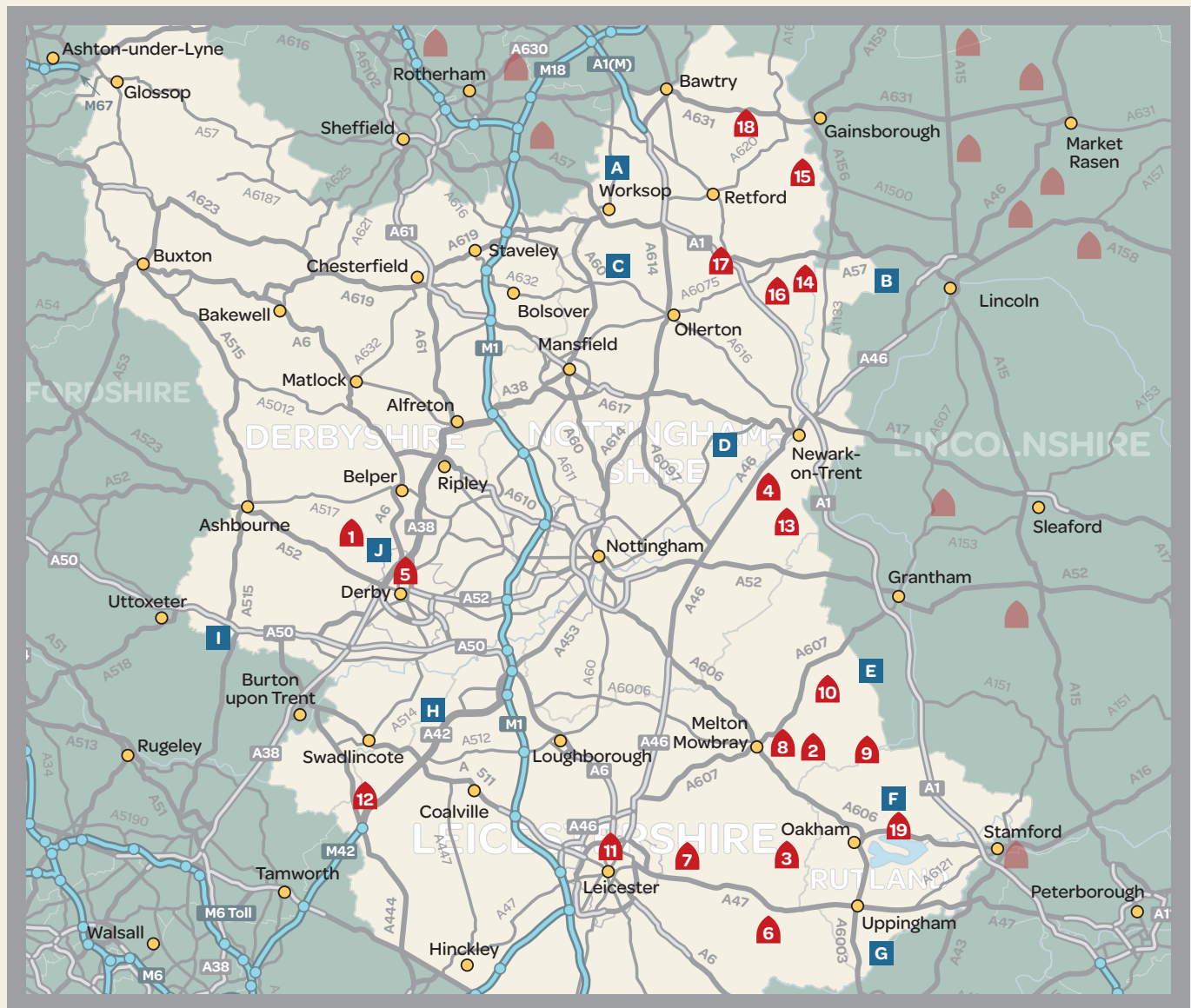
Finding our churches

The map opposite shows the location of each of our churches in Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland, together with other nearby attractions and CCT churches in adjoining counties.

Our website, visitchurches.org.uk, has much more detailed information to help you plan your trip.




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1 Kedleston, All Saints	SK 313 404
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12 Stretton-en-le-Field, St Michael	SK 304 119
13 Cotham, St Michael	SK 794 476
14 Fledborough, St Gregory	SK 812 723
15 Littleborough, St Nicholas	SK 824 826
16 Low Marnham, St Wilfrid	SK 806 694
17 Markham Clinton, Milton Mausoleum	SK 715 730
18 Saundby, St Martin of Tours	SK 785 879
19 Burley, Holy Cross	SK 883 103



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Other local heritage attractions

- A** Mr Straw's House – 1920s house, garden 
- B** Doddington Hall and gardens – house, gardens
- C** Clumber Park – walks, cycle routes 
- D** Southwell Minster
- E** Woolsthorpe Manor – home of Sir Isaac Newton 
- F** Barnsdale Gardens

- G** Lyddington Bede House 
- H** Calke Abbey – house, garden, parkland 
- I** Sudbury Hall – house, garden, museum of childhood 
- J** Kedleston Hall – house, garden, parkland 



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 For full disabled access information, see our website.

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 The closest station for each church is shown in the guide.

 For bus routes, see traveline.org.uk

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