

# CHURCH TO CHURCH WALKS AROUND THE BINSEY TEAM

## **St Barnabas, Setmurthy to St Margaret, Wythop**

<b>Distance:</b>	2½ miles (4 km)
<b>Time:</b>	about an hour
<b>Grid References:</b>	start – NY 184323 end – NY 190301
<b>Terrain:</b>	quiet lanes, farm track, one field
<b>Gradients:</b>	quite steep up, down, up
<b>Underfoot:</b>	mostly good, could be muddy in field
<b>Church Access:</b>	St Barnabas – open during daylight hours every day St Margaret – open at all times

*ROUTE DESCRIPTION: Italics are used for descriptions of scenery and points of interest which are not essential to route finding.*

### St Barnabas's Church to Higham Hall – ½ mile

Leaving the churchyard turn right uphill, steeply at first. Pass a sign on your right “Woodlands in private ownership....”. Keep on the road, now on the level, *with views to Binsey and Skiddaw on the left*, then gently down and up to a crossroads. Go straight across to pass Higham Hall on your left.

### Higham Hall to A66 – 1 mile

Follow this very quiet lane downhill into the Vale of Embleton through woodland with the road becoming a little moss and grass grown in the middle. *The noise of the A66 may be rather intrusive.* Near the bottom of the hill follow the road as it bears left to pass between the buildings of The Close, i.e. Close House, Close Barn, Close Farm. At the road junction cross over with care and turn right along the pavement. *This was the A66 when the present A66 was the railway.* Take the first turning on the left (just before the “Embleton. Please drive carefully” sign), going across the bridge over Dubwath Beck, to arrive at the A66. WITH GREAT CARE cross this busy trunk road.

### A66 to St Margaret's Church – 1 mile

Go down the farm access road ahead which winds to and fro and is tarmac at first then the broken up remains of tarmac. At East House bear right uphill, on tarmac again, signed “High East House” and with a yellow public footpath arrow. With High East House in front of you, turn right and go through a large wooden gate into a field. Turn left and climb up the field. (The right of way is strictly speaking on the left beside the field boundary, but a path seems to have been worn up the middle of the field avoiding reedy patches.) At the top of the field veer right to a gate in the corner and exit onto the road. Turn left. Pass a building on your right labelled “Wythop Sunday School VR1887”. *This building, now in private hands, looks more like a water tower or lock-up. The children were not allowed to be distracted by looking out of the windows – there are none on the front or sides.* A little further on arrive at St Margaret's Church on the right, tucked at the foot of Sale Fell.

The church at Wythop is dedicated to St Margaret of Antioch, who is depicted in the north chancel window.

COLLECT FOR ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH – 20 JULY

GRANT, O Lord, that, like as blessed Margaret,  
thy Virgin and Martyr:

by the merits of her chastity and godliness of conversation  
did ever walk acceptably in thy sight;

so she may at all times effectually intercede for our forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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