



# Walk 5 –St Mary’s Church

## ROUTE GUIDANCE

This walk is approximately 1.5 miles. Two thirds of the walk is on pavement and a country lane however the footpath across the fields can be muddy in winter.

1. Go past the side entrance of the Bell Pub and go through the gap in the pergola straight ahead of you. Turn left on the path and follow the foot path sign. As you emerge at the next signpost, bear right and go diagonally down across the field towards the gap in the hedge.
2. Follow the footpath sign up the hill and on the post in the next hedge.
3. Go through the gate and head towards the road following the footpath signs when you reach the buildings.
4. After the stile, turn right onto Edwins Hall road and down the hill.  
<https://w3w.co/parrot.vies.smiled>
5. Follow the road all the way to the junction with the main road B1418 and turn right to Woodham and Bicknacre.
6. At the top of the hill is the church and the Bell Pub.



**E** Behind the Bell Pub through the Pergola



**F** The stile onto Edwins Hall Road

## St. Mary’s Church **A**

Built on the site of a Saxon church in the 13th century, extended in the 14th and 15th centuries. The tower that once adorned the West end of the church fell in 1703, was rebuilt only to fall again in 1774 and was replaced by a wooden belfry to house one of the former five bells.

## The Bell – <https://w3w.co/lavender.paddocks.selling> **B**

The present public house was built in 1885, on a site that has had brewing connections at least as far back as 1623

**E** It’s difficult to see the gap in the hedge however if you aim for the antennas on the horizon at Bushy Hill this takes you towards the gap.

## Mill Hill **C**

At the top of Mill Hill is the Royal Observer Corps underground bunker early warning station from the cold war era.

## Workhouse Cottages

At the crossroads are the Workhouse Cottages and opposite is the old blacksmith’s shop owned by Mr. Harper. He shoes horses, made and mended machinery, made mobile sheep hurdles and hoops for the local children. He also made the iron gates for Edwins Hall.

## Edwins Hall **D**

Rebuilt by Edwin Sandys, Archbishop of York, from whom it takes its name. The house today is but a small portion of the double moated Manor House which was built between 1576 and 1580.

The footpath used today is the same path that was used by the staff at the Hall, the shortest route to town and Church



**G** Follow to the B1418

## MAP REFERENCES