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 Leaflet date: October 2023. Check venues for opening times.
 Take care near waterways and roads. Follow the Countryside Code.
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Holmes Methodist Church to Tarleton St Mary's Church (Old Church)

Start: Holmes Methodist Church, Park Lane, Holmes, PR4 6JN (Grid ref:427 188)

Finish: St Mary's Church, Windgate, Tarleton PR4 6HJ

Map: OS Explorer 285 (Southport and Chorley)

Parking: Holmes Methodist Church.

Toilets: Outside toilet at Holmes Methodist Church (accessed by a step).

Refreshments: None on route.

Distances:

3.5 miles from Holmes Methodist to Tarleton St Mary's along the old course of the river.

3.8 miles from Holmes Methodist to Tarleton St Mary's along the River Douglas.

0.6 miles from the Blackgate Lane bus stop to Holmes Methodist Church.

This linear route connects Holmes Methodist Church and Tarleton St Mary's (Old Church). The route is along public footpaths, quiet lanes, and sections on footpaths at the side of roads. Sections of the walk can be muddy, and the terrain can be rough. There is one stile. Either return the same way, or catch a bus from Windgate to Blackgate Lane (and then walk 0.6 miles to return to the start).

Public Transport: The number X2 bus runs between Tarleton Windgate and Blackgate Lane (about one an hour during the day, more limited at weekends).

Buses may not run on bank holidays.

Check bus times prior to your journey.

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables> 0345 241 8000 (charges apply)

Accessibility: The route terrain is rough in places, and the sections along the waterways are not accessible to those on wheels.

Holmes Methodist Church: Accessed via steps.

St Mary's Church: Uneven stone floor. Step up into boxed pews.

This is one of a series of routes connecting churches as well as circular routes incorporating churches. We hope that you find refreshment as you journey along these ways, finding wholeness and peace with creation, with God and with each other.

Start the route at **Holmes Methodist Church**.

From **Holmes Methodist Church**, proceed down Blackgate Lane, then turn right down Green Lane. This lane is mainly used by farm vehicles, and takes you past fields.

Go along Green Lane until you reach the A59 (Liverpool Road).

Take care at this busy main road.

Cross Liverpool Road and continue along Green Lane.

At the junction, turn left along Liverpool Old Road.

Take the first right (Lock Lane).

Walk down Lock Lane until you reach a bridge. Here you have two options.

Option 1: When you get to the bridge, cross the bridge and turn left (walking northwards) on a footpath along the waterway. The waterway is on your left. This waterway is the old course of the River Asland/ River Douglas.

This route can be muddy. For a less muddy walk, option 2 is recommended.

This route is 3.5 miles.

Option 2: When you get to the bridge, cross over and continue walking along the lane until you come to another bridge. This second bridge crosses the River Douglas (Asland).

Do not cross the bridge.

Look out for a stile on your left.

Climb over the stile and walk on the path by the side of the river. The river is on your right.

This route is 3.8 miles.

For both routes, as you approach the A59 you will see a stone bridge called Tarleton Bridge (known locally as Bank Bridge). Don't go under the bridge. On the left side of the bridge, there is a gate. Go through the gate towards the A59.

At the A59, turn left and walk along the footpath to **St Mary's Church**.

As you leave **St Mary's Church**, continue along the A59 to the bus stop. From here you can get the X2 bus towards Southport. Check bus times before your journey. Buses may not run every day.

Alight at the Blackgate Lane stop. This is just past the junction of the A565 and Blackgate Lane. From the bus stop, walk along the path on the side of the A565 towards Southport. After 0.2 miles, turn left down Hunters Lane (a rough track). This emerges onto Blackgate Lane. Turn right on Blackgate Lane, to arrive at Holmes Methodist Church. It is a 0.6 mile walk from the bus stop to Holmes Methodist Church.

Holmes Methodist Church has now merged with other local Methodist churches (Mere Brow, Holmeswood and Tarleton) and does not hold regular services.

Check the church noticeboards and websites for up to date information. The church is not routinely open during the daytime in the week but check the noticeboards and website for details of events.

Tarleton St Mary's (Old Church) is open for specific events. This church is in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust.

<https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-mary-tarleton.html>

Check church noticeboards, websites and Facebook pages for details of church opening times, events and services.