Walk 1 (Forty-Five minutes)

Leaving Holy Cross Church (1), Pass Avening School (40) on the RHS then right up New Inn Lane just past the memorial Hall (39). Take the right fork into Point Road (15-19), to Church Farm (11). After about 25 yds turn left to the footpath through a five bar gate opposite Church Farm Barns.

Follow the path up the hill with Avening Park on the right reaching a traditional Cotswold stone straddle stile (it’s easy to miss as it’s under some trees slightly to the right).

Follow the path with the former Avening Football Field on the LHS. At the next stile, turn right along the bridle path but pause for a while and admire the view across Gatcombe Park (48), with a rare view of Gatcombe House (49), and Avening. After about 1000 yards turn down the field passing Avening Park on the RHS to the farm gate then follow the edge of the field to the farm building at the bottom of the field.

At the farm buildings, turn right into West End and follow the lane to Heron’s Mead; here take the signposted path across the fields to the Poolhay (9) and then onto the churchyard. Follow the path back to Avening School.