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**Hereford**

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**Much Wenlock and surrounding areas**

The Preedy Trail

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# About the trail

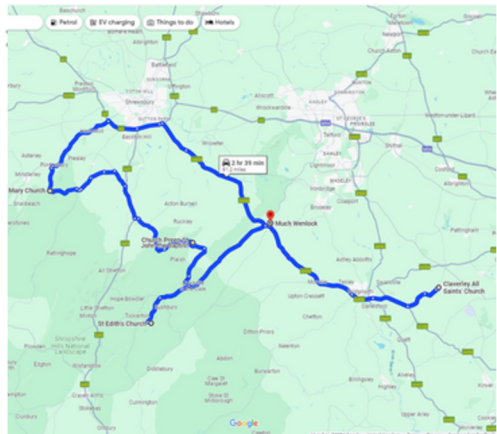
## Directions

This trail consists of the four churches in the north of the diocese in south Shropshire, with features designed and made by Frederick Preedy. The suggested route starts and ends in Much Wenlock, where plenty of restaurants and coffee shops will fuel you during your church crawl. Although Much Wenlock's parish church, Holy Trinity, is not featured in this trail, it is worth a visit. The church of All Saints at Claverley boasts one of Preedy's best windows, and the church of St Edith is home to windows depicting one of England's less well-known saints.

Icons: Car, Bus, Train, Walking, Bicycle, Airplane

2 hr 39 min  
1 day  
8 hr

- Much Wenlock
- Claverley All Saints' Church, Church St, Cl
- St Edith's Church, Church Stretton SY6 7D
- Church Preen St John the Baptist, Church
- St Mary Church, Shrewsbury SY5 0TP
- Much Wenlock



This booklet's information was sourced from Historic England, Pevsner's Guide to Shropshire Historic Buildings, and the websites of individual churches.

# Claverley - All Saints

This grade I listed building has Norman origins, with 12th-century wall paintings and elaborate tombs from the 15th and 16th centuries. The east window was created by Preedy in 1858 and is widely understood to be one of the best examples of his work. The window depicts the Te Deum, Laudamus, which means 'We praise thee, oh God'. Windows depicting the Te Deum show Christ seated in Heaven surrounded by angels, prophets and saints singing praise to God.



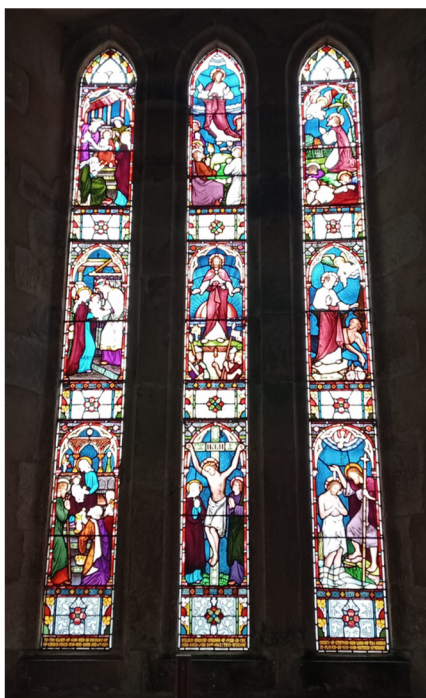
# Eaton-under-Heywood - St Edith

This grade I listed building dates from the 12th century. Alterations were added to the church in the 13th and 16th centuries before a restoration project in 1868. The east window is by Preedy and dates from 1869 and depicts subjects relating to St Edith, the saint to whom the church is dedicated. Edith is an unusual saint for churches to be dedicated to, which adds to the significance of both the church and this window period.



# Church Preen - St John the Baptist

This grade II\* listed building is a former monastic church established in the 12th century as an independent cell of Wenlock Priory. The monastic church was dissolved in 1534, a significant date because it predates Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries, which began in earnest in 1536. The church became a parish church after its dissolution, which it has remained ever since. The church was restored in 1866. The chancel east window, which dates to 1868, was probably related to this restoration and can be attributed to Preedy. This window shows scenes from the New Testament. Also of interest is the yew tree in the churchyard, which is said to be one of the oldest in England.



# Habberley - St Mary

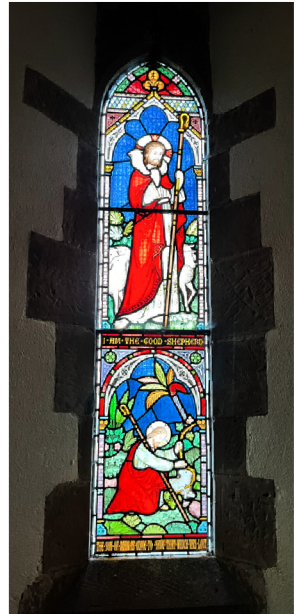
This is a grade II listed building. Parts of the fabric date to the 12th century but the church underwent a major restoration and was partly rebuilt in 1864. The stained glass in the chancel east window and the nave west window can both be attributed to Preedy, and they can be dated to 1868 and 1882 respectively. The east window depicts scenes from the life of Christ. The nave west window shows the Acts of Mercy.



# The Preedy Trail

The Preedy Trail across Hereford Diocese

We have also created trails starting in Bromyard, Ross-On-Wye, and Ledbury. Details of these can be found by visiting our website:  
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