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Circular route around the Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice and beyond!

A cycle ride described by Louise Slater and Joanna Lambert

This scenic circular cycle route through the Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefices links nine historic churches across peaceful villages and rolling countryside. Starting and ending at St Swithun's in Compton Beauchamp, the route passes through Ashbury, Bourton, Shrivenham, Watchfield, Longcot, Fernham, Baulking, and Uffington, before reaching Woolstone and looping back. Along the way, riders enjoy quiet lanes, charming pubs, and views of open fields

The route

St Swithun Compton Beauchamp SN6 8NP->St Mary the Virgin Ashbury SN6 8LZ
At end of drive turn right up hill
0.3 at T junction with B4507 turn right to Ashbury and Bishopstone
1.9 at crossroads go straight over towards Idstone and Bishopstone, pass Rose & Crown pub on left
2.0 turn left into Church Lane
2.1 St Mary's church is at top of lane

St Mary the Virgin Ashbury ->St James Bourton SN6 8HZ
At bottom of Church Lane turn right
2.2 at crossroads turn left to Shrivenham on B4000
2.3 Church of First Ambassador will be on your right
4.3 turn left to Bourton and Bishopstone
4.8 at T junction turn right to Bourton
5.1 St James's church is on right

St James Bourton -> St Andrew Shrivenham SN6 8AQ
5.5 turn right to Shrivenham village
5.9 at T junction turn left onto B4000 to Shrivenham and Highworth, go over railway bridge
6.7 at T junction turn right to Shrivenham and Highworth, straight over mini roundabout
7.0 Shrivenham Methodist Church, Shrivenham will be on your left
7.1 By bus stop turn left up Church Walk, St Andrew's church is at the end

St Andrew Shrivenham-> St Thomas Watchfield SN6 8TE
Return down Church Walk and turn left onto High Street
Pass the Prince of Wales Pub on left and The Barrington Arms on right
7.2 at mini roundabout turn left towards Faringdon and Oxford onto Faringdon Road
7.9 turn left into High Street
8.2 St Thomas's church is on right

St Thomas Watchfield-> St Mary The Virgin Longcot, SN7 7TL
Make a U turn leaving St Thomas's Church on your left
8.4 turn left into Hill Road

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8.7 St Alban Roman Catholic Church is on left. Opposite church turn into Axis Road
8.8 turn left onto Faringdon Road
9.0 at roundabout take 2nd exit
9.1 at roundabout take 3rd exit to Longcot into Majors Road
10.3 turn left onto B4508 to Longcot and Fernham
10.6 turn left by King and Queen pub
10.7 St Mary's church is on right

St Mary The Virgin Longcot -> St John the Evangelist Fernham SN7 7NX
10.8 Leave church and after 100 yards take sharp turning right
10.8 turn left to rejoin B4508 towards Fernham
12.1 in Fernham pass the Woodman pub on your right
12.3 St John the Evangelist's church is on left

St John the Evangelist Fernham -> St Nicholas Baulking SN7 7QE
Turn left out of church
12.4 turn right towards Uffington, White Horse Hill and Wayland Smithy
13.2 turn left to Baulking and Uffington Trading Estate, cross railway bridge
14.5 at T junction turn left to Baulking and Stanford in the Vale, cross railway bridge
14.9 Turn left at village green
15 St Nicholas's church is on left

St Nicholas Baulking -> St Mary Uffington SN7 7RD
Turn right out of church and at The Green
15.1 at T junction turn right to Uffington, cross railway bridge
16.0 at T junction turn right to White Horse Hill, Fernham and Faringdon, pass village hall on left with shop, Broad Street
16.5 St Mary's church is on right behind the school

St Mary Uffington -> All Saints Woolstone SN7 7QN
Leave church towards Woolstone and Ashbury
16.6 turn right to Woolstone
16.8 turn left to Woolstone
17.8 turn left by White Horse Pub
17.8 fork left to church. All Saints's church is up lane on right

All Saints Woolstone-> St Swithun Compton Beauchamp SN6 8NP

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Return to road and turn left up hill
18.3 turn right onto B4507 to Ashbury and Bishopstone
19.1 turn right to Knighton and Compton Beauchamp
19.3 on right hand bend take right hand of the two drives straight ahead
19.4 St Swithun's church is at back of parking area

NB the numbers on the LHS of the text indicate the cumulative mileage at each point of interest

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