

KENDAL CHURCHES Walk 2

Start at the **War Memorial [1]** in the centre of town.

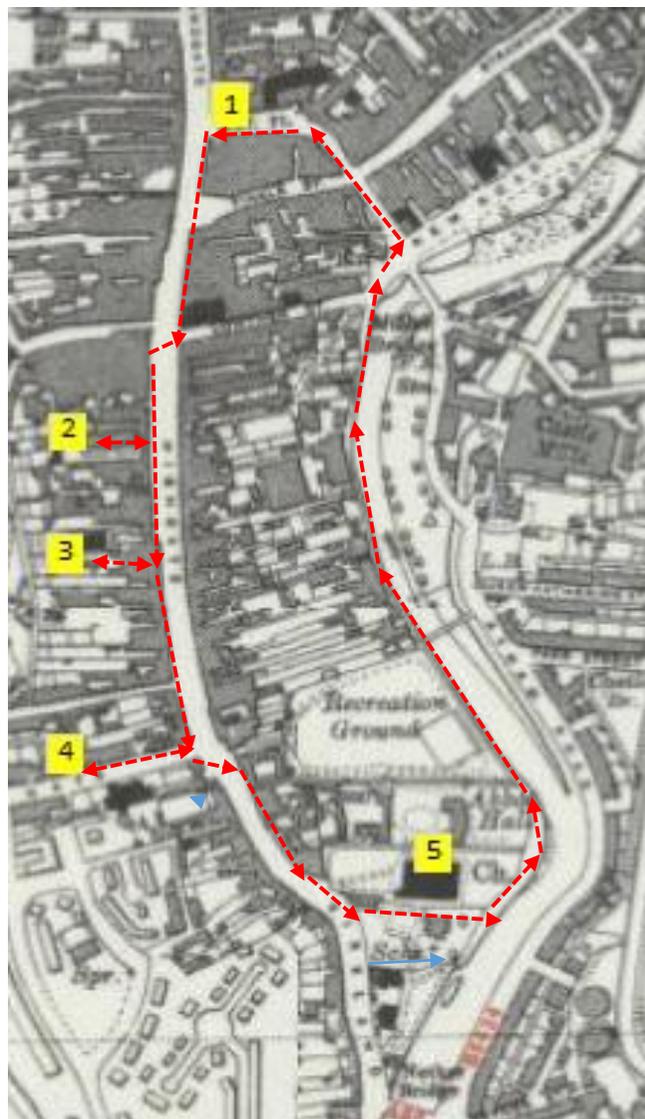


Walk south along the semi-pedestrianised main road **Stricklandgate** which becomes **Highgate**. In front of the **Town Hall** use the light controlled pedestrian crossing at the top of **Lowther Steet** to cross to in front of the Oxfam shop on the diagonally opposite corner. Continue along **Highgate** and immediately after the **Shakespeare Public House** go through the arch to find



the **Shakespeare Centre** at the end of the yard, which is the home of **The Kings Church [2]**

The Shakespeare Centre was built in 1829 as a theatre. Subsequently a ballroom it was used by the New Life Community Church in 1994 and recently the Kings Church.



Return to **Highgate** and walk right for 400m to find the second of two archways, through which can be found the **United Reformed Church [3]**.

Originally the **Zion Chapel**, built in 1898 by local architect **Stephen Shaw**, the building was adopted by the **United Reform Church** in 1982. Open daily.



Then proceed further along **Highgate** to **Gillinggate**. Here turn right and go 200m uphill to the chapel of the **Salvation Army [4]**



This building was opened in 1894 by the Society of Friends. In 1939 it was taken over by the Methodist Church. It finally came into the ownership of the Salvation Army in 1986.

To reach **Kendal Parish Church** return once again to Highgate, cross the road and turn right for 50m, becoming **Kirkland** after crossing over **Blind Beck**. **Kendal Parish Church [5]** will be reached after about 500m behind fine wrought-iron gates on the left.



A church has been recorded on the site of Kendal Parish Church since the Domesday Book. Most of the present fabric dates from 1400-1600 when Kendal was at its peak during the wool trade. It is known for its unusual width and four aisles. It can accommodate 1100 people.

To return to the town centre go to the riverside behind the Church (leaving **Abbot Hall** on the left) and walk upstream. Note the row of Alms Houses on the opposite side of the river, with a **former church** at the southern end. Cross the lower end of **Lowther Street** into **Kent Street, Branthwaite Brow, and Market Place**.



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Distance: 2.12km, 1.32miles
Height Gain: 12m, 38 feet
Time: allow 1 hour
Start: Kendal Market Place
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This is an ideal walk to appreciate the architectural heritage of the ancient town of Kendal, and to note its unusual features, the yards.