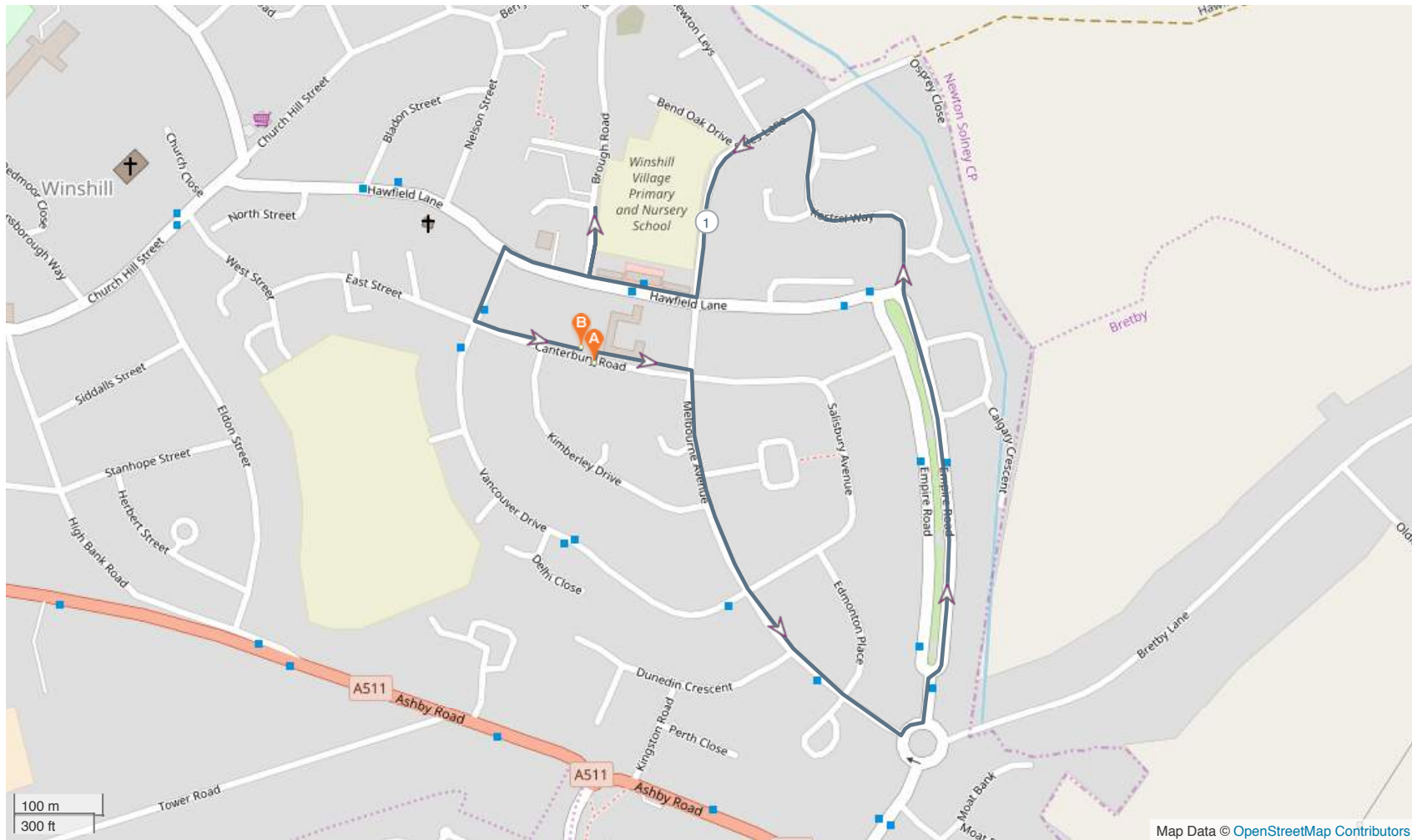


## Care And Community - Prayer Walk



**Start & Finish:**  
Resource Centre,  
Canterbury Road  
*1.8 miles*

Resource Centre, Canterbury Road - Health Centre -  
Melbourne Avenue - Empire Road - Kestrel Way - Sales Lane -  
Hawfield Lane - back to Resource Centre

## Care & Community

### Prayer Walking

*The point of prayer walking isn't about being seen to pray; it's about seeing and praying. You can pray quietly with others or in silence if it makes you feel more comfortable. However, don't be afraid to pray out loud if you feel compelled to.*

### Matthew 9:35-end (NRSVA)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

### For the Mission of the Church

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to witness  
that in Christ you were reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you  
through him who died for us and rose again  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Luke 19:1-10 (NRSVA)

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

### For Social Justice and Responsibility

Eternal God,  
in whose perfect realm  
no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness,  
and no strength known but the strength of love:  
so guide and inspire the work of those who seek your kingdom  
that all your people may find their security  
in that love which casts out fear  
and in the fellowship revealed to us  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

## Before stepping out...

**All** O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All** Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
**and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, creator God,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
pour out your Spirit on us at this time  
that we may walk as children of light  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

## Before we go home...

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.** *The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come*

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has  
taught us

**All** **Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

**All** May the Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love.  
**Amen.**

**All** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

Almighty God,  
your ascended Son has sent us into the world  
to preach the good news of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts  
with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Other Prayers

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Lord Christ, true light of the world,  
shine, we pray, in the hearts of your people,  
that we might see the Way that leads to eternal life,  
and follow without stumbling;  
for you are the Way, O Christ,  
as you are the Truth and the Life.

Glory to God,  
whose power, at work among us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or conceive;  
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever.

Alleluia. Amen.

*Ephesians 3.20-21*



