

## **Trips Out with a religious connection**

### **Diocese of Worcester – St Kenelm's Romsley**



**The beautiful approach to St Kenelm's Romsley.**

In contrast to many of our trips, this church is located only 30 minutes or so from Sedgley. It's in the Clent Hills in Romsley, close to Halesowen. Despite being near the urban conurbation, the church is set in a secluded site surrounded by beautiful countryside.



**The fields around the church of St Kenelm, Romsley are ideal for a country walk, part of a Nature Reserve.**



The fame of the church relies to some extent on the legend of a 9<sup>th</sup> century boy king of England, who was lured to the location and murdered on the orders of his jealous sister. His body was later recovered by monks and taken to Winchcombe in Gloucestershire, which became a place of pilgrimage.



**The blocked up entrance to the shrine of St Kenelm on the external wall at the east end of the church.**



The present church was built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century; however there are Norman features retained in the architecture.





The tympanum above the front door to the church of St Kenelm at Romsley.

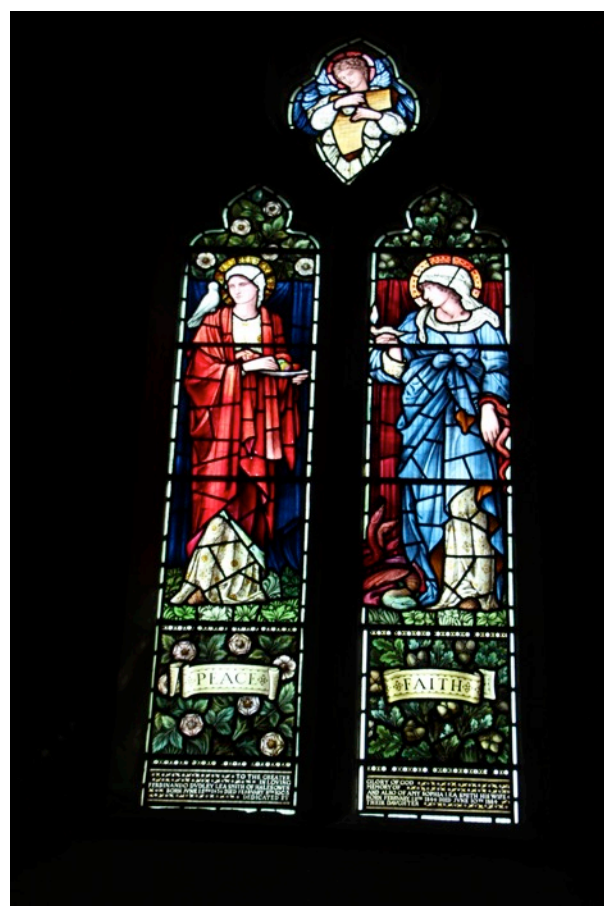


The all-in-one nave and chancel at St Kenelm's, Romsley.





The beautiful altar and reredos at St Kenelm's Romsley.



Three of the stained glass windows at St Kenelm's, Romsley. The first is above the altar; the second is on the north wall, depicting the legend of St Kelelm; and the third is reputed to have been donated by William Gladstone, designed by Edward Burne-Jones.





Detail from the north window. relating the legend of St Kenelm.

[The legend of St Kenelm can be found here on the Britain Express site](#)



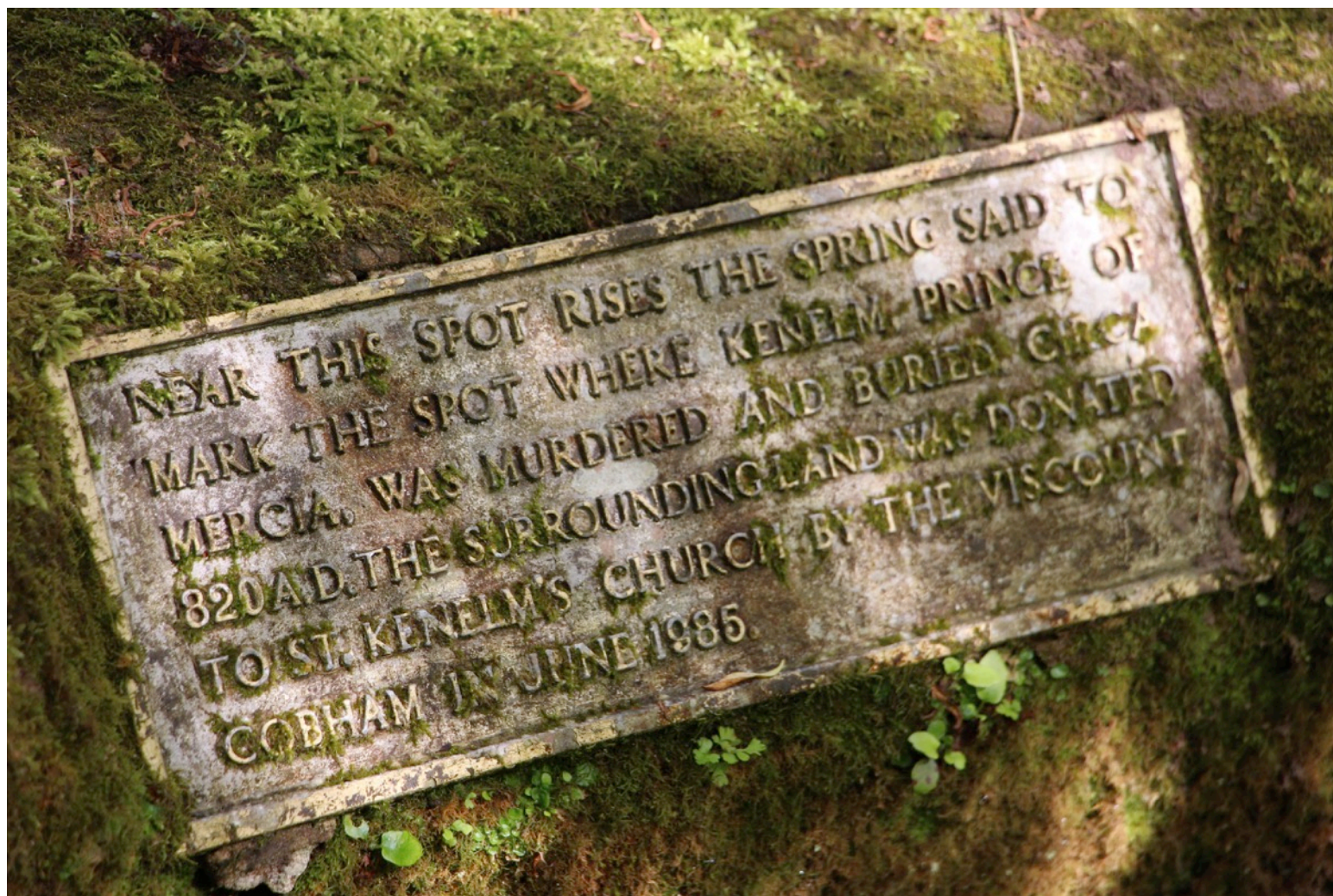
Leading from the churchyard there is a trail leading to a spring where St Kenelm was reputed to have been slain.





The Victorian monument to the legend of St. Kenelm.





The plaque on the Victorian monument, placed there by Viscount Cobham in 1885.





**Magda with sculpture based on the legend of St Kenelm.**



Flowers on wild garlic in the area around St Kenelm's spring.





**An effigy of St Kenelm on the south wall of the exterior of St Kenelm's.**



Holy water from the well at Romsley.



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