

## Outline of the route

This walk starts at Peplow's Chapel and follows the **River Tern Valley** to Stoke on Tern's Church. There's roadside parking at the start and end, so if you leave an extra car at the end you can walk it one way to halve the distance.

To start, go through a PG and walk to a FG across the field. Here turn right and walk along a farm track and through another FG. Walk downhill to another FG then follow the track uphill and round to your right and, after passing a copse on your left but before the track ends, turn left over a ST. Keeping a hedge on your right, walk along the field to a FG. Pass through it and the next FG (or ST adjacent) and then look for a BR+FG on the right. Cross it and head diagonally left to a ST+BR+ST. Now, keeping hedges on your left, walk ahead (passing a set of FG posts with **Horse Shoes** embedded in them) and enter the next field through a FG. Here turn diagonally right to reach a ST+BR+PG.

Ahead you'll now see a **Church Tower**, which you walk towards via a (ex FG) gap in the hedge ahead, then turn left to reach a fence/ditch. Now turn right and head towards **Petsey** (a farm). At the end of the field go through a FG on the left and, keeping a hedge on your right, head towards a **Dutch barn**. Pass between it and an iron roofed store and turn right to enter the farm yard. Now turn left and walk past the old farmhouse ('**Petsey**' - built 1634) and then down its driveway to the road. Here turn right and then, crossing a **Sandstone River Bridge** (its worth a look over the edge!) you'll finally view the **River Tern**. A short distance ahead is the **Church at Stoke on Tern**.

## Welcome to Hodnet

This leaflet is one of a series created by Hodnet Footpath Group (HFG) to encourage use/enjoyment of local walks.

### Notes.

- 1/ The maps & route outlines are complementary, so need to be used together for the clearest route guidance.
- 2/ A key to abbreviations/terms used is shown on the map.
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### Country Code—Please:

- Leave gates as you find them
- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs on a lead near livestock and clean up after them - **dog faeces can spread diseases!**



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## Hodnet Walks : 9

### Peplow to Stoke on Tern

'Tern Valley Walk'



Photo. A Underwood

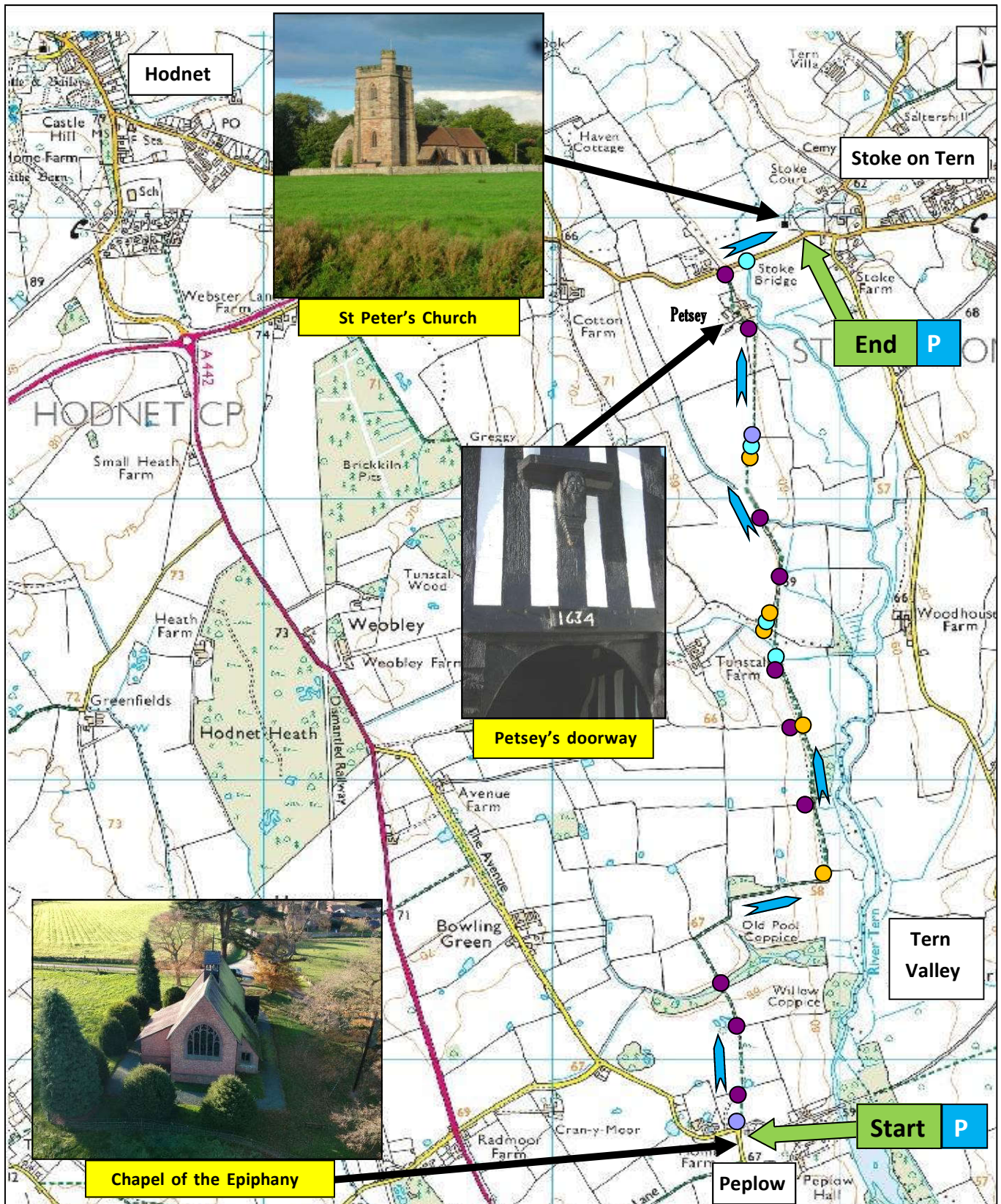
Walk Type: Linear

Distance : Approx 5 miles

Walk Grade: 2

Dog Friendly: 1st part

Time: 1.5–3 hours



**Key to terms/abbreviations/symbols used in leaflet & map:**

Route 

Field Gate = FG or  Pedestrian Gate = PG or  Bridge = BR or 

Stile = ST or  'Dog Friendly' Stile = 

Dog Friendly = Larger dogs can get through/past the stile Public Footpath = - - - -

Walk Grades = **Grade 1** = Shorter/level route &/or no or few stiles **Grade 2** = Moderate length/part hilly route &/or some stiles **Grade 3** = Longer/hilly route &/or many stiles