after going under the Settle-Carlisle railway bridge turn left • signposted "B6412 - Great Salkeld 1½, Langwathby 4". Follow this road to Great Salkeld. The church is in the centre of the village on the left hand side of the road, with the battlements of the solid square tower being clearly visible. Take the first left • after passing the church, and parking is available along this lane near the main church gate.



The bold Norman doorway in the porch dates from the 11th C, when a new church replaced a 9th C structure. The massive 14th C tower with its heavily studded iron door was a refuge from cross border raids. Inside, a tapestry of village life and a fine memorial window both represent St. Cuthbert accompanied by an eider duck (Cuddy's duck).

Further visitor information in church.

N.B. A direct return to Penrith is possible by staying on the B6412 until a T-junction is reached with the A686. Here, turn right • for Penrith.

From Great Salkeld to Lazonby... Rejoin the B6412 and after a very short distance (before the village is left), turn right • onto an unmarked road, which bears steeply uphill. After a short distance, at a crossroads, turn right • signposted "Lazonby 2½". Follow this quiet lane and at another crossroads go straight on • signposted "Lazonby 1¾". At the third crossroads turn right • onto the B6413, signposted "Lazonby 1". Follow this road into the village.

## Eden Bridge nr. Lazonby



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#### HOW TO GET THERE...

### From Penrith town centre to Lazonby (9 miles)

From Penrith town centre follow A6 north (signposted "Carlisle, Plumpton, Wigton") for 2 miles to Stoneybeck roundabout. Take the exit signposted "A6 - Carlisle, Plumpton, High Hesket". After another 2 miles, at Plumpton, turn right • onto the B6413 signposted "Lazonby 3. Kirkoswald 5". Stay on this road all the way to Lazonby village.

#### From the M6 motorway to Lazonby (6 miles)

Leave the M6 at Junction 41 and take the exit signposted "Penrith, Carlisle -A6". Follow this road for 1 mile to Stoneybeck roundabout. Take the exit signposted "A6 - Carlisle, Plumpton, High Hesket". After 2 miles, at Plumpton, turn right • onto the B6413 signposted "Lazonby 3, Kirkoswald 5". Stay on this road all the way to Lazonby village.



**At Lazonby (St. Nicholas)** ... The road goes downhill into the village centre. Go under the railway bridge (the famous Settle-Carlisle line), St. Nicholas's church will be seen elevated on the left. Park by the low wall.



The present church, designed by Antony Salvin, was built between 1864-66 on the site of a much earlier church, of which little is known.

Further visitor information in church.



From Lazonby to Kirkoswald (St. Oswald)... Take the B6413 signposted "Kirkoswald". After leaving the village the road runs close to the banks of the River Eden.

Before crossing the river bridge, turn right • into Bridge End Car Park & Picnic Area for a fine view of Eden Bridge and the graceful sweep of the river. An interpretation board gives details of the Lazonby area. Here is one...

"With the coming of the Settle-Carlisle railway in 1876, the auction mart was established at Lazonby. Renowned for its autumn lamb sales, around 1/4m breeding sheep are sold annually to buyers from all over the UK."

Cross the River Eden by the fine sandstone bridge and the village of Kirkoswald is soon reached with St. Oswald's church seen across the fields on the right. A separate bell tower stands on the hill above the church. Go round a right bend and the church entrance gate is on the right - a parking space is available by the gate. Walk along the flagged path to reach the church in its delightful setting.



Tradition attributes the first Christian church on the site to King Oswald of Northumbria in the 7th c. The Holy Well outside the West window being the focus of the previous "well" or "spring" worship. The church is listed Grade 2\* with the main features dating from 1523.

Further visitor information in church.

From Kirkoswald to Renwick (All Saints)... Continue on the B6413 through the village passing the Post Office on the right, then climb steeply uphill. The road takes a sharp right bend • at a signpost, follow the sign for "Renwick 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". Soon the hamlet of High Bankhill is reached. Where the B6413 bears sharp left, go straight ahead • along a minor road signposted "Scaleshill 1, Renwick 23/4". Stay on this road, ignoring all turnings to right or left.

As height is gained, and if the weather is fine, a magnificent view of the western edge of the North Pennines opens out.

After 2 miles, the road descends to a T-junction. Turn right • signposted "Renwick 3/4"; this lane drops down into the farming village of Renwick.

Ahead on the far skyline is Hartside Cafe, where the A686 (Penrith to Alston road) reaches a high point on its journey through the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Bear round a left hand bend into the village, and then go straight on • ignoring the right turn to Gamblesby & Alston, then bear left • signposted "Croglin 23/4". Pass the Methodist chapel on the left and All Saints' church will be found 50 yards further along on the right. There is a parking area outside the church gates.



A small Victorian church set in an ancient churchyard on the edge of the village in pretty rolling country. The mediaeval church bell is an interesting reminder of 800 years of worship in this place.

Further visitor information in church.

From Renwick to Great Salkeld (St. Cuthbert)... Retrace the route back through the village following signs for "Kirkoswald". At the bottom of the village ignore a left turn to Gamblesby, and then take the next left • signposted "Glassonby 4". This lane drops into a wooded valley, to cross the Raven Beck at Sickergill Bridge.

Raven Beck is a tumbling busy tributary of the River Eden, with its source high up on the western flank of the Pennines at about 600m. Renwick is an abbreviation of Ravenwick (Elizabethan) - anciently Hraefn's Wic (the hamlet of a man called Hraefn, or "the raven"). The beck is "backnamed" after the name of the village.

Go straight on • ignoring a right turn signposted "Parkhead", until a crossroads is reached. Turn right • signposted "Kirkoswald 2½".

On a fine day the view ahead will reveal the Lake District fells on the far horizon.

Stay on this road to Kirkoswald, dropping gently into the wide expanse of the Eden valley. Just before reaching the village, look to the left for the ruins of Kirkoswald Castle hiding amongst a stand of trees. As the village is entered, turn right • at a T-junction, and then left • at another junction on a bend. Follow this road (B6413) back to Lazonby, retracing the outward route.

On entering Lazonby, pass St. Nicholas's church on the right, and immediately