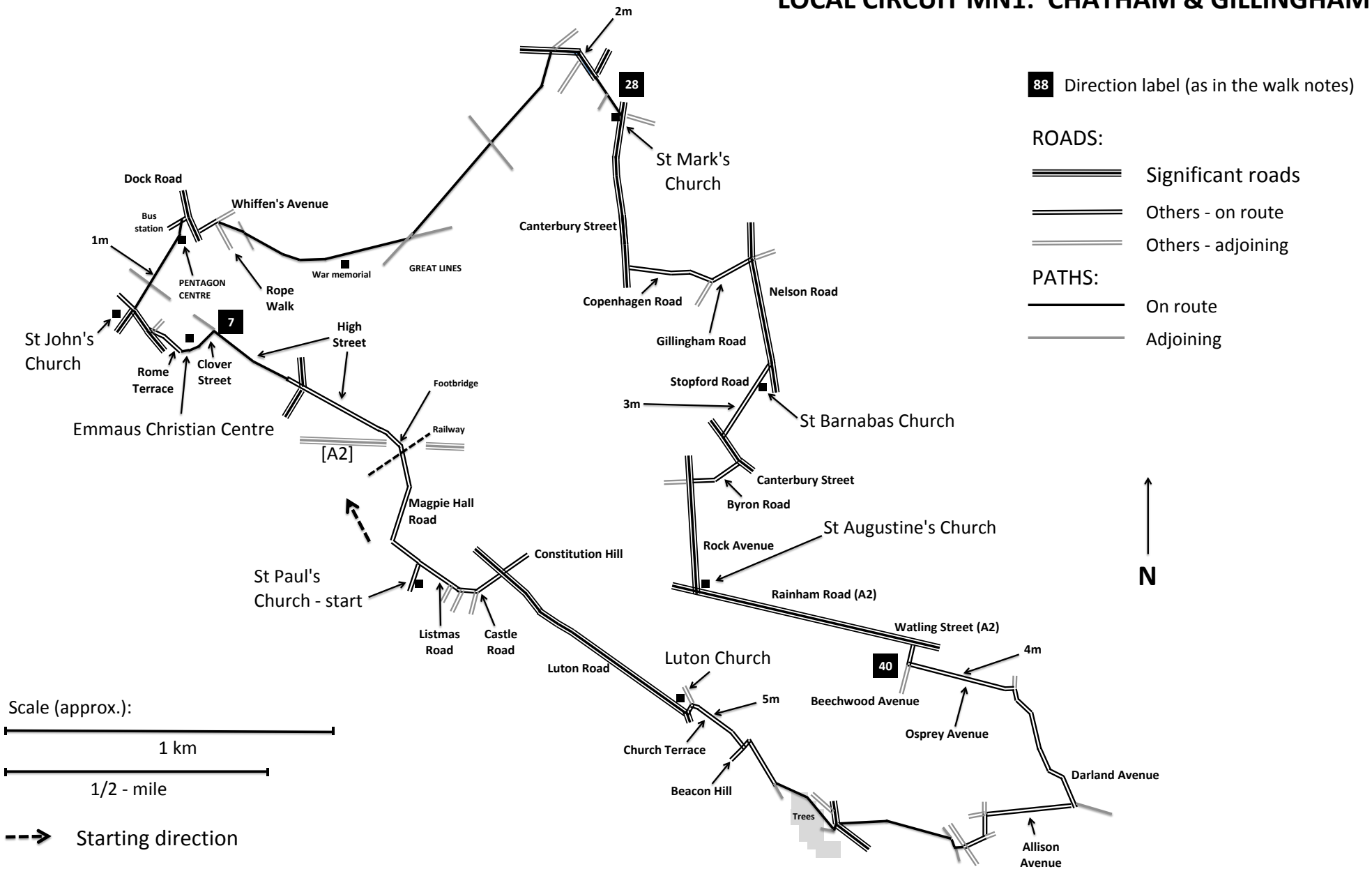


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### Linked churches:

Chatham St Paul (start and finish)

Emmaus Christian Centre (Direction 8)

Chatham St John (11)

Gillingham St Mark (28)

Gillingham St Barnabas (32)

Gillingham St Augustine (36)

Luton (55)

### Roads and hindrances:

There are no unusual difficulties.

Notes taken: October to December 2019

The start and finish is at The Church of St Paul with All Saints, Chatham (ME4 5NE).

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the entrance to <b>St Paul's Church</b> on Magpie Hall Road, go ahead to cross the road and turn right to walk along the left-hand pavement of Magpie Hall Road.	765 671	
2	4	Continue ahead ('No entry' for vehicles).		
3	5	Embark on the complicated footbridge-crossing over the A2.		
4	7	On the other side the last anti-clockwise twirl of the descent from the footbridge leaves you facing along the left-hand pavement of the start of the High Street. Follow this ahead.		
5	8	Pass and ignore Institute Road on the right. Then cross to the right-hand side when convenient (and before the busy road junction at the end).	764 675	
6	10	Reaching the junction, use the lights to go across the main road and continue along the High Street towards its pedestrian area.		
7	14	[Map point] Turn left up Clover Street.		
8	15	Pass the entrance of the shared <b>Emmaus Christian Centre</b> . Then go up the steps ahead on the right.		
9	16	Swing to the right along Rome Terrace, keeping to the right of the open-air car park.		
10	18	Approaching the end, continue ahead over the dead end of the roadway to merge alongside the busy road on the left.		
11	19	With <b>St John's Church</b> over on your left, turn right, away from the main road, down steps and along the pedestrian Railway Street.		0.85
12	20	At the intersection continue ahead along Military Road.	757 679	
13	21	Pass the Pentagon Centre and go ahead to cross the main road (The Brook), using the lights.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
14	<b>22</b>	On the other side go ahead up Whiffen's Avenue, crossing to its right-hand side as soon as possible.		
15	<b>24</b>	Reach and cross Rope Walk. Then go across the green diagonally to the right.		
16	<b>25</b>	At an angled crosspaths, continue in the same direction, uphill.		
17	<b>26</b>	Go briefly up steps to meet another crossing path.		
18		Then go left, resuming the upward direction, up two long flights of steps, now in trees.		
19	<b>28</b>	Emerge from the trees and continue ahead towards the war memorial.		
20	<b>31</b>	Pass the war memorial on your right and continue ahead.		1.34
21	<b>34</b>	After about 300 yds., at the end of the trees on the left, turn half-left on to a dual-use path (shared with cyclists).	675 681	
22	<b>39</b>	Reach a crosspaths (crossing the Saxon Shore Way).		
23	<b>42</b>	Follow the path on its gentle left-hand bend.		
24	<b>43</b>	Leaving the park, turn right along the road, staying on the right-hand pavement.		
25	<b>44</b>	Ignore Marlborough Road on the right and continue ahead.		
26	<b>45</b>	Go straight ahead on to the High Street's pedestrian section.		
27	<b>46</b>	Pass the end of Saxton Street on the right and continue ahead.		
28	<b>47</b>	[Map point] Reach the corner by <u>St Mark's Church</u> and turn right.		2.15
29	<b>53</b>	Turn left along Copenhagen Road.		
30	<b>55</b>	At the end turn left. Then cross when convenient.		
31	<b>57</b>	At the lights turn right, along Nelson Road.		
32	<b>63</b>	Fork right along Stopford Road, with <u>St Barnabas Church</u> on your left.		2.89
33	<b>66</b>	At the end turn left, rejoining Canterbury Street.		
34	<b>68</b>	Turn right along Byron Road (after first using the zebra crossing just beyond it).		
35	<b>70</b>	Turn second-left along Rock Avenue.		
36	<b>74</b>	Turn left along the A2, passing <u>St Augustine's Church</u> on the corner.		3.43
37	<b>75</b>	Use the lights just after Milton Road to cross to the right-hand side, and continue along the A2.		
38	<b>79</b>	Cross Ash Tree Lane and continue ahead along the A2, soon passing a row of shops.		
39	<b>83</b>	Turn right, briefly, up Beechwood Avenue.		
40	<b>84</b>	[Map point] After about 60 yds. turn left along Osprey Avenue.		
41	<b>88</b>	Turn right up Darland Avenue.		
42	<b>91</b>	Fork right alongside a small grass triangle.		
43		Turn right along Leyton Avenue.	784 665	
44	<b>93</b>	At the junction turn left along Preston Avenue.		4.39
45	<b>95</b>	Continue ahead, crossing Allison Avenue.		
46	<b>96</b>	At the end turn right.		
47		Cross Kingsway and opposite, between a bin and the 'Kingsway' sign, find steps, and go down them.		

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48	<b>97</b>	At the bottom, reach an information board, and go briefly right, past a bench. Then a few yards further on follow the track on the left, steeply downhill. Ignore all tracks to left and right and always follow the main path all the way down to the road.		
49	<b>103</b>	Cross the road and, directly opposite, go, among the trees, leftwards down a few steps and then briefly right.		
50		After a few yards emerge at the edge of an open grassy area and turn right to follow, about 15 yds. further on, a path back into trees.		
51	<b>104</b>	Emerge from trees into another grassy space and head down towards the bottom left-hand corner.		
52	<b>105</b>	At that corner, at the start of the houses, join the road by turning half-right along it.		
53	<b>107</b>	At the far end turn sharp-left, steeply downhill.		
54	<b>108</b>	Take the first-right turning into Church Terrace.		5.05
55	<b>110</b>	Opposite the end, and slightly down to the left, reach the lych-gate and entrance path to <b>Luton Church</b> . A few yards after passing it, turn right alongside the main road.		
56	<b>119</b>	Turn left along Castle Road, crossing it as soon as convenient.		
57	<b>121</b>	Turn right along Listmas Road.		
58	<b>123</b>	At the end, at the junction with Magpie Hall Road: A few yards to the left is the entrance to <b>St Paul's Church</b> , the starting point of the walk. But if continuing the circuit, cross Magpie Hall Road and go down its left-hand side as at Direction 1.	765 671	5.84

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## **FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS**

I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

**But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.**

The percentage distances on the right (on the next page) should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

<b>LOCAL CIRCUIT MN1</b>	<b>Direction numbers</b>	<b>% of walk</b>
Busy road	1-2, 9-10, 24-25, 28, 30-31, 33, 35-38, 55b-56	39
Quiet road \$\$	4-5, 14, 29, 32, 34, 39-46, 52-55a, 57	29
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	13, 15-17, 19-23, 50a, 51	15
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	3, 6-8, 11-12, 26-27, 47-48a	13
Woods	18, 48b-49, 50b	4

\*\* This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

**STILES:** There are currently no stiles on this walk.