

CHISWICK CEMETERY & DUKES MEADOWS PROMENADE

Chiswick Parish Church is dedicated to St Nicholas, the patron saint of sailors. The first written records are dated 1181, when Chiswick was primarily a fishing village. The church tower dates back to 1425, but the rest of the church was completely rebuilt between 1882 and 1884 funded by Mr. Henry Smith of the local brewers Fuller, Smith and Turner, London's oldest brewery which has stood near the church since Oliver Cromwell's time.

Many famous citizens such as William Hogarth, Frederick Hitch, V.C. (Rorke's Drift) and J.M. Whistler are buried in here. The inscriptions on the ancient tombs are sometimes difficult to decipher, however, the burials of many sailors, philosophers, politicians and artists are recorded in the church archives.

The pamphlet 'Notable Tombs in the Churchyard' is available from the church and Chiswick library if you want to learn more about the history of the church. The church is not open during weekdays (except for services) but is open from 2-5 pm on Sundays.

Further along the Thames Path, Dukes Meadows lies on a bend of the river where osier (willow) beds were planted to protect the river banks against periodic flooding. The cut osiers were also used for basket making.

In 1922, Chiswick District Council purchased 230 acres of land from the Duke of Devonshire. By 1926 the terraced riverside promenade with balustrading and view points to the river, a bandstand and two shelters had been created as a public park. The Riverside Promenade has been a key destination for taking walks and viewing the river. It is a perfect viewing point for river races, including the annual University Boat Race.



Access Information



- Flat ground, except around St Nicholas Church and Church Street with some slight slopes
- Fair condition of paths from Chiswick House and Grounds to Chiswick Pier, but poor condition of paths in the Promenade Approach (compacted earth)
- Steps and self-closing gate from Church Street to Thames Path

Contact 0845 456 2796

Public Transport Information

- Bus: E3,190
- Tube: Turnham Green (District Line), then take then E3 bus from outside the station
- Rail: Chiswick Station, then a 5-10 minute walk along Burlington Lane

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- 16 Dukes Meadows Pavilion
- 17 Dukes Meadows Allotments



This walk links with
Chiswick House
Grounds.



Alexandra Avenue

Burlington Lane

Riverside Drive

Total Route Length
1.5 miles
2.4 kilometres

