

Finding Christchurch

Christchurch is on the triangular one-way system on the Luton side of the town centre. The church is opposite the Safeways' supermarket, which is itself in the centre of the triangle.

From Luton and the M1 south (junction 10 - Luton south)

If coming from the A1, just follow the road off the motorway crossing endless roundabouts and following signs to Hitchin. At the last roundabout, at the top of the hill, there is no road straight ahead; turn right onto the A505, again signposted to Hitchin.

The A505 from Luton is a dual carriageway. At the edge of Hitchin, it singles out and goes over a crest. On the other side, go over a mini-roundabout with a petrol station adjacent, through a pedestrian crossing, and to the library roundabout. Turn left here.

From the library roundabout

Follow the one-way system, getting into the right-hand lane. At the lights, bear right and then move into the left-hand lane. Christchurch is on your left after a couple of hundred metres; after passing it, turn into the car park just beyond.

From Bedford and the M1 north

If coming from the M1 north, junction 13 is probably easiest. Turn left (north) on the A421 and then immediately right for Ridgmont at lights. Pass the Amazon warehouse, collecting any books you may have ordered, and go over the railway and then under the motorway. At the top of the hill in Ridgmont turn left onto the A507. Continue on this road for about eight miles; as it goes around Ampthill after three or four miles, you turn left at one roundabout but then continue ahead (not right) at the one that follows immediately. Cross the A6 at a roundabout, and continue until at Shefford you meet the A600 from Bedford; turn right at this roundabout. Go over the next one and turn right again for Hitchin at the next.

Coming into Hitchin, the Priory School is on your left, and half a mile or so later the football club, just after several mini-roundabouts. Go over another mini-roundabout and pass the open ground of Butts Close on your left. Swing into the one-way system and Christchurch is on your left as above.

From Stevenage and the A1(M) south

From the A(1)M junction at Stevenage North, follow the dual carriageway to Hitchin. At the edge of town it singles out, goes over a crest and down, and then rises steadily for half a mile or more to the town bypass roundabout. On the way up pass Safeways' petrol station on your right - it is nowhere near the supermarket!

Go straight across the bypass roundabout (third exit) and under the footbridge onto the bypass. At the other end is the library roundabout; go straight across and follow the directions above.

From Letchworth and the A1(M) north

Leave the A1(M) and follow signs to Letchworth. After going around the "longabout", continue and then turn left for Hitchin at the next roundabout. After a mile, come down the hill with Walsworth and Hitchin below you. Cross a roundabout, a set of traffic lights (St Faith's is on your right) and another roundabout. Go under the railway and bear right (caution - this is not a roundabout, it just looks like one!) Go straight ahead at three roundabouts (second exit at each, but really more right than straight at the first and third). Pass the bus garage and swimming pool, and turn left at the next roundabout, with Butts Close on your left. Swing into the one-way system and Christchurch is on your left as above.

