

Reflection: Giving Thanks for Creation

*Tell the heavens and the earth
to be glad and celebrate!
And announce to the nations,
“The Lord is King!”
Command the ocean to roar
with all of its creatures
and the fields to rejoice
with all of their crops.
Then every tree in the forest
will sing joyful songs
to the Lord.
He is coming to judge
all people on earth.*

*Praise the Lord
because he is good to us,
and his love never fails.
Say to him, “Save us, Lord God!
Bring us back
from among the nations.
Let us celebrate and shout
in praise of your holy name.
Lord God of Israel,
you deserve to be praised
forever and ever.*

After David finished, the people shouted, “Amen! Praise the Lord! (1 Chronicles 16: 31-36)

David’s song of worship reaches its crescendo with the acknowledgement that the voices of the people are joined in praise by the whole of creation: the oceans, the creatures, the fields, the trees – all of it made by God, designed and purposed to bring him glory. God’s story is not just about him and humanity, but about the redemption of the entire universe: *“the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God”* (Romans 8:21).

As you walk this section, take time to pause and be mindful of how creation worships, and join with it, thanking and praising God for who He is.

Pastrow Pilgrimage



Smannell
to



Tangley

7.82 km (4.89 miles)

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Route details: (numbers in brackets refer to pictures)

Start: Christ Church, Smannell, GR SU 3802 4893

Grid Ref	Directions
SU 3802 4894	Turn R out of churchyard on Smannell Rd. After 100m, at 5-way jct (1), take tarmac road between Primary School (L) and Oak PH (R). Keep straight, on tarmac then gravel then FP, 700m to Ridges Copse
SU 3828 4966	Keep straight, in valley bottom, 850m to T-jct at northern edge of Ridges Copse (2)
SU 3844 5047	Turn L on footpath inside wood edge, 200m to Frenche's Lodge Cottage
SU 3825 5058	Cross tarmac road and keep straight ahead 1600m to A343 south of Bourne Park
SU 3681 5130	Cross A343 (caution!); the FP entrance on the west side is c.10m south (left) of the path on the east (3). Follow FP for 500m along northern edge of Rag Wood to Doles Farm
SU 3634 5160	Leaving the farm buildings on your left, follow the FP along the SW edge of Blagdon Copse and then with hedge on L across field to tarmac road just south of Pill Heath House (4). Note: from Pill Heath to Tangley the route follows narrow country lanes where there may be vehicle traffic
SU 3526 5272	Straight ahead on tarmac, 600m past Eastend Farm to sharp L-hand bend
SU 3470 5300	Turn L and continue straight ahead on tarmac 1200m past Eastend Cottages and Tangley Farm to junction with Hungerford Lane
SU 3372 5245	Keep straight ahead on tarmac, 300m to Tangley Church

End: St Thomas of Canterbury, Tangley, GR SU 3343 5248

Refreshments: Oak PH, Smannell

Photographs:



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