

## CVG Virtual Visits 2020: Visit 15, Brant Broughton and Welbourn Lincs.

Lincolnshire is full of ecclesiastical riches and luckily for us it's right on our doorstep. Apart from its fabulous Cathedral there are two Jenkins rated 5 star churches at Boston and Grantham and four 4 star churches at Stow, Heckington, Louth and closest of all at Brant Broughton. St Helen's church at **Brant Broughton** (pronounced "Brooton") is a grand church in a picturesque village with a "soaring and exhilarating" spire, medieval carvings galore and a beautifully designed colourful chancel by Bodley and Garner which replaced a plain Georgian chancel in the 1870s. So much to see both inside and outside, and watch out for the "mooning man" on the south aisle exterior frieze.



Brant Broughton, grand and much to see



Bodley's chancel, tasteful, colourful and full of detail

More details and photos at

[http://wasleys.org.uk/eleanor/churches/england/lincolnshire/lincolnshire\\_one/brant\\_broughton/index.html](http://wasleys.org.uk/eleanor/churches/england/lincolnshire/lincolnshire_one/brant_broughton/index.html).

For Lionel Wall's account of his visit, and his fascination with medieval carving see [https://greatenglishchurches.co.uk/html/brant\\_broughton.html](https://greatenglishchurches.co.uk/html/brant_broughton.html).

We then go a few more miles into Lincolnshire to the small village of **Welbourn** and its church of St Chad, perhaps an unusual dedication which we see mainly around Lichfield and Staffordshire rather than Lincs. No Jenkins stars this time but nevertheless the church has several interesting features, most evidently its spire which illustrates the architectural feature *entasis*, built with a slight convex profile, not straight. Another example is Gedling but quite rare.

That dedicated church crawler Rob has written up his trip to Welbourn with his usual enthusiasm and affection at

<http://churchcrawling.moonfruit.com/welbourn/4593358900>

For a plainer architectural description see

<https://britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/101061852-church-of-st-chad-welbourn#.X42l6dBKjIU>



Entasis at Welbourn



Scary monster or Cheshire cat maybe?

We've got two more churches to see on our planned (actual) trip, Navenby and Coleby but I'll cover them in the next Virtual Trip. As for lunch this time there are several decent old pubs in most of the villages we will be visiting. Whether they will be open when we eventually go or indeed whether they'll still be in business we can't say at this point. Depressingly it would seem likely that many, maybe most, village pubs will not survive the pandemic but for now we can dream of a nice relaxing lunch at the Joiners Arms at Welbourn or the Kings Head at Navenby perhaps. See what we are all missing at <https://www.thekingsheadnavenby.co.uk/index.html#about>.