

After leaving the Cemetery cross the road and walk down the hill towards Dartmouth. After the Naval College cross the road again to continue on the footpath. At the bottom of the hill bear right and walk along past the Ship in Dock pub. Cross over the road onto the North Embankment, turn right and continue along North Embankment back to the Station Restaurant.



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The Flora Thompson

Walk Around Dartmouth

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Time for walk, approximately two hours. Steep in places, length about three miles.

Start at the Station Restaurant on South Embankment. Facing the restaurant, turn right and walk along the Embankment.



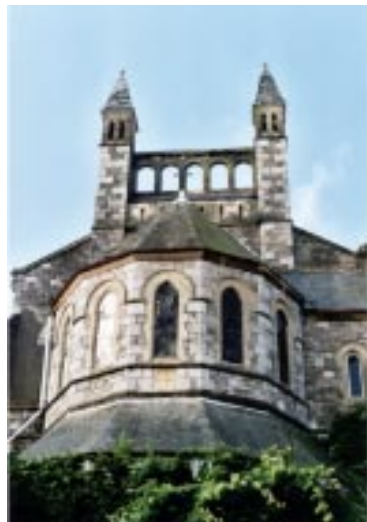
You will soon see on your right a large attractive 3 storey building, now Fulfords Estate Agents. This was however in Flora's time, Dartmouth Post Office where her husband John was Postmaster in the late 1920's and early 1930's.



Go down Hauley Road to the left of the old Post Office. At the end of this road you will find yourself outside the Harbour Bookshop. The road splits here, turn left and take the upper (Newcomen) Road.



Continue along this road, passing Dartmouth Library on your left. Soon on your right you will see the former St Barnabas Church. Flora used to worship here and her funeral was held here. It is no longer a church but is run as a second hand book and junk emporium.



Turn left here and walk along the main road a short way until you come to the entrance of Longcross Cemetery.



This is where Flora's ashes are buried. Head for the right hand corner of the main cemetery and you will see ahead of you another section of cemetery. Turn left at this point and walk along past the military gravestones to the end where you will see Flora's grave ahead of you with the book shaped memorial headstone remembering her and her younger son Peter.



Continue along Above Town past the houses. You will see the roof of St Barnabas Church on the right. At the end of Above Town turn left up Crowthers Hill, which will, after passing Jawbone Hill on the left turn into Waterpool Road - a pleasant country road, but with no pavements. Continue along this road, which is about one mile (and steep in places).



At the end, cross over the main road by Dartmouth Community College into Milton Lane opposite. After passing Dartmouth Primary School on your left, turn right into Crossparks.



Bear right at the end. and then follow the road round to the left until you meet the main road (A3122).



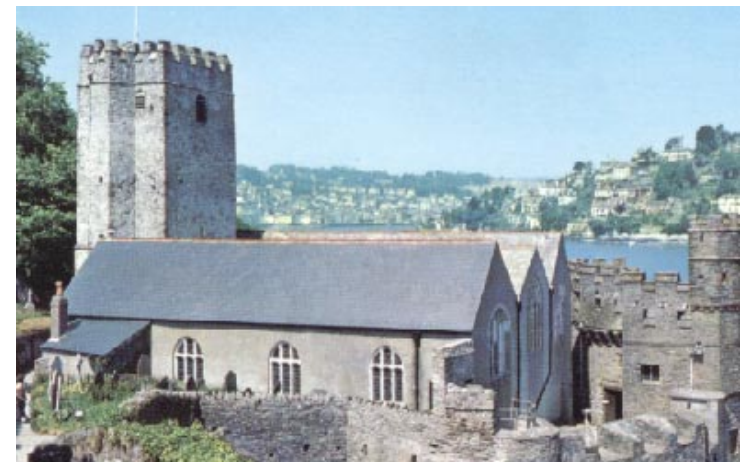
Continue along Newcomen Road which turns into Southtown for about 10 minutes - there are fine views over to Kingswear on your left. As you approach Dartmouth Pottery turn left into Castle Road.



After a short while the road divides, take the left hand fork signed St Petrox Church. Carry along this road, passing Gunfield Restaurant on the left. At this point continue on the road which veers to the right uphill.



As you approach the castle take a left footpath turn opposite a red phone box down to St Petrox Church.



Flora used to enjoy walking out to this beautiful and ancient church and her son Peter is listed on the war memorial inside it.

After visiting the church walk back along the same path. If you want to terminate the walk at this point take the right hand path for the Castle Ferry back to Dartmouth town centre. Otherwise continue along the path to rejoin the road at Gunfield Restaurant.



Retrace your steps back into Dartmouth along Castle Road and Southtown until you reach the end of the first section of raised walkway. Take the very steep road ahead of you on your left (with the white railings) - this takes you to Above Town. Flora lived here when she moved to Dartmouth in 1928 until she moved to Brixham in 1940. It was here she wrote Lark Rise. A blue plaque indicates which is Flora's house.



Flora's House



Plaque outside Flora's House

Erected as part of the millennium celebrations