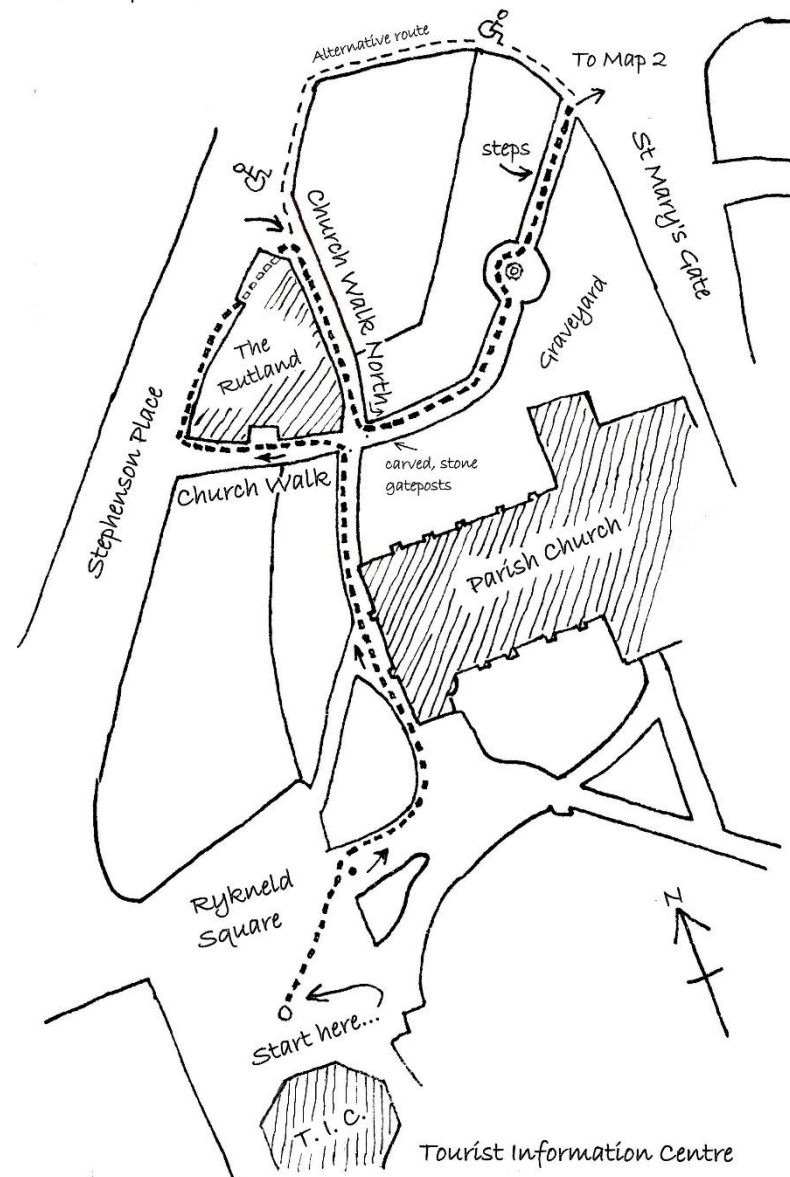


Map 1



### West side of the Churchyard

We set off and walk towards the church, passing between two green iron gateposts.



The construction of the present church began in 1234 and it has been enlarged and expanded since then, reaching its present form in 1842. Later on, we'll have a look for evidence of previous church structures...

And the spire, Chesterfield's iconic landmark? It's not actually attached to the tower, but sits there, relying on its weight to keep it in place. To find out more, it will be necessary to add a visit to the church to the end of the journey.

Walk round the west end of the church and gaze up at the west window. It was commissioned in 1898 by Philip Markham as a tribute to his father, William Markham, and depicts scenes from the story of Joshua.

To our left are many gravestones stacked against the surrounding wall.



By the end of the nineteenth century the graveyard was full. In 1932 the Borough Council assumed responsibility for the church yard and, mindful of the precarious state of some of the tombs and stones, arranged many of them around the edge of the grounds.

Moving on from the west end of the church we come to a crossroads in the path.



The Rutland Inn is before us. We are going to walk *clockwise* around the pub and return to this point from the opposite direction. Walk towards Stephenson Place.

The Rutland was originally a private house. In 1806 its inhabitant was Mr Bower, the church organist; however the building has been a pub since at least 1870.

