

Excursion around Stafford.

Saturday 19th May 2018.



This excursion (led by Robin Draper) will include freestone and alabaster work from the 16th/17th centuries, classical monuments and a church thought to have been designed by Wren. We will be visiting five churches around Stafford.

Stafford is served hourly by both Virgin West Coast and London Midland Trains on services from London Euston, and connections from other places can be made via Birmingham New Street, Manchester Piccadilly or Tamworth. You may refer to www.nationalrail.co.uk for journey details and ticketing.

At about 10:00, the coach will leave Stafford Station, and we will visit (running order to be confirmed):

Stowe-by-Chartley, St John the Baptist. Monuments include Walter Devereux d 1558 (attributed to Richard Parker of Burton-upon-Trent). He was with King Henry VIII when Boulogne was taken on 18 September 1544. There are also tablets by Edwin Lutyens.

Colwich, St Michael. Burial place of recent members of the Anson family, including the late Lord (Patrick) Lichfield. Here we have a monument attributed to a Burton-upon-Trent workshop, and plaques and standing wall monuments from the 18th and 19th centuries.

Ingestre, St Mary the Virgin. On the estate of Ingestre Hall, this church is thought to have been designed by Sir Christopher Wren. The monuments here are all classical, and are of the Chetwynds, Talbots and Chetwynd-Talbots. Artists include Westmacott and Chantrey.

Blithfield, St Leonard. On the estate of Blithfield Hall, this church contains monuments to the Bagot family.

There will be a fifth church on this excursion. We hope that it will be **Sandon, All Saints**. At the time of writing, confirmation of access by means of coach is being sought.

Tea/coffee is expected to be taken at two churches.

A buffet lunch will be taken en-route, and this is included in the cost

The cost to CMS, MBS and Mausolea and Monuments Trust members is £37 (£42 to non-members).