

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

Outing to Ansley and Berkswell Churches.

Meet at 10.30 am at St Laurence's Church, Church End, Ansley, CV10 0QR in the car park adjacent to the church. Dr John Hunt will show us how this church incorporates fabric of the twelfth century and later, including an enigmatic sculpture.

12 noon to 12.30 pm: A half hour car journey to St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Berkswell, CV7 7BJ, On-site parking for disabled use only but free public car park in the centre of the village a hundred yards away and off-road parking on nearby Meriden Road.

12.30 to 1.30 pm: Lunch in the Jordan Room, St John the Baptist Church

1.30 pm to 4 pm: Dr Hunt will then help us explore St John's, one of the county's more celebrated churches, noted particularly for its elaborate double crypt, which will form part of the visit. The building also comprises Romanesque and later fabric.

4 pm Tea in the Jordan Room, St John the Baptist.

Dr Hunt will help us investigate the developmental sequence of the two churches and find out about their tenurial history and landscape setting, taking account of the medieval communities that these churches served as well as of the buildings themselves. John promises us the chance to get actively involved in an understanding of how these two churches evolved. Both churches are accessible for wheelchairs (apart from the Crypt at St John's).

### **Cost and How to Book**

Members £21 each, guests £24 each (includes a buffet lunch and tea). For more information on this event, or to book a ticket, please contact Rowan Fisher email [rowanfisher367@gmail.com](mailto:rowanfisher367@gmail.com) or call 07507 293669, stating how many tickets you would like and whether there are any special needs (eg, dietary, mobility) we need to be aware of. Alternatively, print off the booking form (available on the events page of the WLHS website) and send to Rowan Fisher, 43 Gresham Avenue, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7QP.

### **Parking**

St Laurence's Church: Ansley. There is ample free parking in the Church car park, adjacent to the church

St John the Baptist, Berkswell: On-site parking for disabled use only (and there is a drop off point) but free public car park in the centre of the village a hundred yards away and off-road parking on nearby Meriden Road.

### **Facilities and Access**

There are toilets (including accessible toilets) at both venues. There is accessibility for wheelchair users for most of the outing. Some of the outing will take place outside in the churchyards and some of the ground is a little uneven, so please dress appropriately. The crypt at St John the Baptist is NOT accessible for wheelchair users as it is accessed down some steep steps, but this is a small part of the visit only.

## **Directions to St Laurence's Church, Ansley**

**From the South/Coventry:** There are several ways to get here. One way is to take the B4098 out of Coventry up through Corley and Fillongley then turn right onto Nuneaton Rd/B4114. Turn right after about 2.5 miles onto Church End. The church is on your right and the entrance to the car park is just past the church on the right hand side.

**From Nuneaton:** One way is to follow the A444 out of Nuneaton. Take the B4114 through Camp Hill and Ansley Common. Turn left into Church End. The church is on your right and the entrance to the car park is just past the church on the right hand side.

**Directions from St Laurence's Church, Ansley, CV10 0QR to St John the Baptist, Berkswell, CV7 7BJ, (about a half hour drive).** Again, several different routes but if you prefer not to use SAT NAV one way is to turn left out of Church Lane onto Nuneaton Road. Turn left onto Tamworth Rd/B4098, you will come to Fillongley, turn right onto Meriden Rd/B4102. This road goes over the M6 and then the A45. Just after travelling over the A45 you will come to Meriden. Turn left onto Leys Lane (it is right at the beginning of the village; if you pass the Church of England church and primary school on your right you have gone too far). At the end of Leys Lane (just past the Methodist Church), turn left onto Main Road (B4104) and then immediately right onto Berkswell Road. After about 2 miles you will come into Berkswell. Turn right into Lavender Hall Lane (opposite the Bear Pub) and take a slight right onto Church Lane. There is a free public car park in the centre of the village a hundred yards away and off-road parking on nearby Meriden Road.

Any problems on the day, Rowan Fisher's mobile: 07507 293669.