

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

A GUIDED VISIT TO THE ANGLO-SAXON CHURCHES IN DEERHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

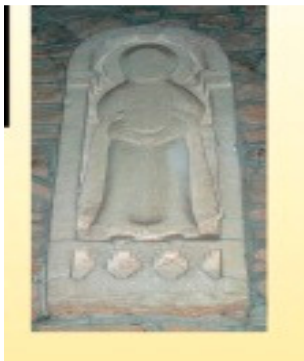
TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016

Leader: Suze Mathews

**£28 per person, this includes: coach, recommended minimum donation to ACN - £5
and a contribution to church maintenance costs at Deerhurst - £1**

Deerhurst, near Gloucester, has two Anglo-Saxon churches, one of which is thought to be among the oldest and finest churches in England. St. Mary's has a rich history which is demonstrated by the wealth of Anglo-Saxon decoration, particularly a very unusual 9th century Virgin over the porch (see below), painted angels and carved animals heads. It is set in a beautiful churchyard close to the River Avon.

This event is being organised to raise funds so that ACN may continue to help and support persecuted Christians, particularly in Syria.



THE PROGRAMME

WHEN: TUESDAY 24 MAY 2016 AT 0930. We will be collected by coach from the carpark at the Spendlove Centre, Charlbury.

ITINERARY: We will arrive at Deerhurst by about 1045 (traffic permitting).

- **1100 ST ODDA'S CHAPEL:** We will walk (the very short distance) to Odda's Chapel, built by Earl Odda in memory of his brother in 11th century.
- **1130 ST. MARY'S PRIORY CHURCH:** We will be met at St. Mary's by one of their Welcomers at 1130. The Welcomer will tell us about their current renovations and archaeological projects. Suze will then give a talk about the church, its foundation and its role in Anglo-Saxon history. **PLEASE NOTE: there are two shallow steps accessible for wheelchair users, but the 'Deerhurst Angel' on the exterior wall of the apse may only be reached by a short flight of steep stone steps(with handrail)**

1300 LUNCH: As there is no pub/shop in Deerhurst, you will need to bring a **picnic lunch** with you. Picnics may either be eaten in the coach if it's wet or in any of the pretty local spots. There is a **lavatory available** in the church.

1500 DEPART FOR CHARLBURY: There will be plenty of time to walk, think, pray and visit both churches again before we leave for Charlbury at 1500.

YOUR PAYMENT : Please complete the attached booking form and **return to me** (address is on the booking form) with your cheque for the appropriate amount, made out to **ST. TERESA'S CHURCH, CHARLBURY**. If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me

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SO IT'S FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

BOOKING FORM

Your name: (title/first name/family name):

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Your Partner/Spouse's name/Other companion (if applicable):

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Contact details:

Email address.....

Phone number.....

Address

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INCLUDED ON THIS BOOKING FORM?.....

£28 PER PERSON

**YOU CAN ADD MORE FOR AN ADDITIONAL DONATION
IF YOU WISH**

My payment for £.....is enclosed

Please make your cheque out to:

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH, CHARLBURY

PLEASE RETURN THIS BOOKING FORM WITH YOUR CHEQUE BY 1 MAY 2016 TO:

Suze Mathews, April Cottage, The Cross, Stonesfield, Oxon OX29 8PT

**Once your booking form and payment have been received, you will receive
email or postal confirmation together with an itinerary**

THANK YOU