

CIRCUIT OUTING - SUNDAY 23rd JUNE
ASTLEY CASTLE and CHURCH near NUNEATON - CV10 7QN

As well as a day out with friends to interesting places in the countryside, we are helping Dumi's Project with donations in lieu of transport costs (or the availability of public transport!)

To make this day a success

- 1) **Timetable for the day** including maps and information about the castle and church are on a separate sheet.
Please print copies for display as posters and distribution to your congregation.
Families and friends are welcome to join us, assuming there is enough transport!!
If you do not have printing facilities please let us know and we will arrange help.
- 2) **World Church Group Reps. or Volunteers** are needed to organise the trip from their church. The following are needed.
 - a) A list of drivers who are willing to pay for the fuel and volunteering to take others.
(We hope you don't mind packed lunches being eaten in cars if it is raining or cold.)
 - b) How many passengers each driver can take.
 - c) Names of people wishing to go.
 - d) Who is taking who?
 - e) Donations- £5 is suggested for the return trip in someones car. If people live near Astley please adjust the donation accordingly, or walk to the castle !!
We suggest collecting the donations in advance – they can be returned if someone cannot go on the day.
- 3) **For Everyone Going**
 - a) Please make a simple 'name+church name' badge to wear e.g. self-adhesive label or post-it note. This will help us to meet circuit friends.
 - b) It would be helpful if some people who live near Astley could arrive about 12:00 noon to 'meet and greet' and direct people to the front area of the castle.
 - c) A packed lunch is required. This can be eaten in the garden area around the castle entrance if the weather is fine. If it is raining or cold, lunch can be eaten in the cars. There is no large covered area for picnics.
 - d) There are seating areas inside and outside the castle. If you want to bring a folding chair or wheel-chair please do, but check with your driver about car boot space.
 - e) People with disabilities can be 'dropped off' at the castle gate and the driver can then park the car.
 - f) There are facilities for people with disabilities in the castle and there is wheel-chair access to the church.
 - g) There are lifts to the first floor living area of the castle. The ground floor is the bedroom area. These can be visited. Some have a 'door window' with a balcony view.
 - h) Guides are present to direct people so that queues are avoided. They will help with queries and notice boards supply information. There are no guided tours.
 - i) **ASTLEY CHURCH** is about a 4 minute easy walk through the castle grounds. It is a beautiful building. It can be visited throughout the day. At 3:30pm there is a communion service. I have spoken to the vicar Rev. Frank Seldon who was very interested in our visit and Dumi's project. We will be most welcome at the service. The Reading Room is near the church. Light Refreshments/Afternoon Teas will be available and may be craft or book stalls etc.
The group agreed that we should try to meet together at the reading room for cup of tea about 2:30pm and then go to the service or stay and chat, whatever we prefer.
 - j) During our visit, there will be an opportunity, if you wish, to support the Landmark Trust and Astley Church. The Landmark Trust has guide books, postcards etc. for sale. At Astley Church or the Reading Room there may be craft / books / produce etc.