

Friends of Somerset Churches and Chapels Programme of church visits and events for 2012

The 2012 programme is the last one to be organised by Simon Colledge who is retiring after several successful years in post. A successor is urgently required to carry on this enjoyable commitment. Could this be you?

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FEBRUARY – Friday 24th 7pm... at Wells & Mendip Museum, Wells.

An illustrated talk on Coptic Churches in Egypt by Margaret Davies, followed by light refreshments.

Write with S.A.E. and cheque for £10 (to F.S.C.C) to Simon Colledge (address as above). Booking essential.

MARCH - Saturday 24th, 2pm. Crewkerne Area. Start at St. Leonard's, Misterton (£500 grant 2009), St Michael's, Haselbury Plucknett (Hermit Wulfric 12c; modern windows), St Martin's, North Perrott (reredos, Hoskyns windows & tablets).

Tea – donations. Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

APRIL – Saturday 21st, 2pm. ANNUAL MEETING in Glastonbury at...Our Lady St Mary, R.C. Church, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury (with an opportunity to visit nearby the C13 chapel, originally the chancel of a medieval hall hospital).

Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

MAY – Saturday 19th 2pm. Weston-super-Mare Area. Start at St Lawrence, Wick St. Lawrence (carved stone pulpit), Holy Saviour, Puxton (leaning tower) St Mary the Virgin, Yatton, (new chapter house). Guide: John Crockford-Hawley.

Tea £3. Donations to F.S.C.C. Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

JUNE – Saturday 23rd, 2pm. Mells & Frome Area. Start at St. Andrew, Mells (famous burials), St. Michael, Buckland Dinham (£2,000 grant 2009), SS Peter & Paul, Kilmersdon (grotesques and gargoyles).

Tea – donations. Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

JULY – Saturday 14th, 2pm. Ilminster Area. Start at ST Mary the Virgin, Isle Abbots (£5,000 grant 2005), St Andrew, Puckington, URC Church, Mid Lambrook (unspoiled interior), St James, East Lambrook (exterior steps to gallery).

Tea – Margery Fish Garden (regular prices, garden closes at 5.30pm). Donations to F.S.C.C. Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

AUGUST – Saturday 18th, 2pm. Taunton Area. Start at Holy Cross, Thornfalcon (fine benchends) St George, Ruishton (c1389 font) St Michael, Creech St Michael (fine heraldic tomb). Guide: Dr Robert Dunning.

Tea – donations. Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

SEPTEMBER – RIDE & STRIDE....Main event on Saturday 8th (optional participation two weeks commencing 1st September to Sunday 16th).

This is our major fund raising event of the year. For full details and information about the 2012 event will be posted on our website (fscandc.org.uk) or contact County Organiser: Chris Hawkings.(chrishawkings@hotmail.co.uk).

OCTOBER – Saturday, 20th, 2pm. Mendips Area. Start at St Lawrence, Priddy (pre-Reformation altar frontal), St Peter's Draycott (font – William Burgess), St Leonard's, Rodney Stoke (thankful village; Rodney family memorials), Holy Trinity., Blackford (octagonal church).

Tea – donations. Contact Simon Colledge, as above.

NOVEMBER – Saturday 17th, 2pm. Sherborne/Milborne Port Area. Start at St John the Baptist, Milborne Port, followed by a visit to the English Organ School and Museum: A chance to see 14 instruments and enjoy an organ recital, followed by tea. *Cost £10 based on a minimum of 25 members attending.*

Contact Simon Colledge, as above, as early as possible. Booking essential.