

The logo for 'RIDE + STRIDES for Churches' features the word 'RIDE' in a large, bold, black font with a gear-like texture on the 'D'. To its right is a plus sign, followed by 'STRIDES' in a similar bold, black font with a striped texture on the 'S'. Below this, the words 'for Churches' are written in a white, sans-serif font inside a black rectangular box. The entire logo is decorated with a chain of circles above 'RIDE', a banner of triangles above 'STRIDES', and a crown-like shape to the left of 'RIDE'.

Suggested item for inclusion in parish magazines, church newsletters etc.

The Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1953 with the aim of helping churches with the cost of repairs. Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts all over England. It takes place this year on Saturday September 9th.

Cyclists, walkers, drivers, public transport users are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. In 2022 92 churches welcomed participants in Staffordshire, 36 churches sent out sponsored cyclists/walkers/drivers, £8,894 was raised - Gift Aid will increase this amount. The money is used to make grants to churches for repairs and essential maintenance: the more money we raise the more support we can give! Half the money raised by each cyclist/walker/driver is returned to their home church. A trophy is awarded each year to a participant: this year it will be to the cyclist or walker who visits most participating churches

Bishop Michael adds his support: ‘We are blessed in this diocese with an abundance of historic churches, passed into our stewardship through the generosity and faithfulness of past generations. The Historic Churches Trust provides invaluable help in the often costly task of maintaining and safeguarding these buildings. The annual Ride and Stride event is indispensable to its continuing ability to offer this support: it is also an enjoyable and interesting day out.’

See our website for pictures from last year’s Ride and Stride day, and please think about taking part this year– as a cyclist, walker, welcomer, sponsor – and enjoy the day!

For more information see our church rep.