

Outdoor Sukkot Service & Walk



To mark the start of the Festival of Sukkot this year Teshuvah will be holding an outdoor service at Staunton Harold. This will be followed by a picnic and a walk. The Details are as follows: -

MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018 (15 OF TISHRI) SUKKOT 1
FEAST OF TABERNACLES
ASSEMBLE FOR 11AM START

Staunton Harold is in NW Leicestershire - located in a green valley with two lakes. It includes a hall, church, craft shops, tearoom, garden centre. The enjoyable Ferrers Arts & Crafts Centre will be open, as will the Staunton Harold Nursery & Garden Centre, with its Peach House Restaurant, for meals, tea/coffee, sandwiches, toilets.

We will use its free car park – LE65 1RU

Between Ashby de la Zouch & Melbourne, follow the brown anvil tourist signs for Staunton Harold & Nursery/Ferrers Craft Centre, etc. (LE65 1RU). From Leicester take A50 onto A511. From Loughborough take A512. From Derby take B587 to Melbourne. From Burton on Trent & Swadlincote take A511.

*Staunton Harold Nurseries & Garden Centre
Ashby de la Zouch – LE65 1RU*

Please bring a picnic

A SUKKOT SERVICE WILL COMMENCE AT 11AM

There will then be a choice of two walks, with appropriate guides issued.

WALK 1 – COACH ROAD CIRCULAR OF 2 MILES.

This walk is along old estate roads and is outstanding in offering idyllic scenes of Staunton Harold Hall, Church and lakes. Nicholas Pevsner describes it as “unsurpassed in the country, certainly as far as Englishness is concerned.” The Hall, once owned by the Ferrers & Shirleys, was saved from demolition by Gp. Capt. Leonard Cheshire V.C., to become one of his homes for the incurably sick. It is now a Sue Ryder home. The Church is one of the few to be built between the Civil War and the Restoration. Its interior is amazing, being both a political and religious statement, costing the 'builder' his life.

WALK 2 – HEATH END & DIMMINDALE WOOD OF 3 MILES

This walk is based initially on estate roads, as for Walk 1. It then gives a most pleasantly varied terrain with fine views – Melbourne plantation, along a deer park wall, Dimmingsdale Nature Reserve with its water-filled quarries (SSSI), a short road section, and, finally, field paths back to the car park.

Bring the usual inclement weather gear AND stout footwear.