

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

Saturday 9 September 2017

Every year St Matthew's takes part in the 'Ride+Stride' organized by the county Historic Churches Trust – voluntary organisations that raise money for the restoration and maintenance of historic churches and chapels, supported by the national Churches Trust. 'Ride+Stride' has been an annual event across most of the country since it began in Suffolk in 1981.

'Ride+Stride' takes place on the second Saturday in September every year. Sponsored individuals and groups ride their bikes or walk between churches to raise money, visiting some historic gems and being treated to biscuits and refreshments along the way. The route taken is of one's own choice, whether in the town or in the countryside. Funds raised are divided equally between the Trust and the riders/walkers' own choice of church.

St Matthew's itself has benefitted in recent years with grants from NHCT, including one of £10,000 in 2012 – the largest grant ever awarded – for our major repair works.

You can help by sponsoring this year's walkers, cyclists, or visitor recorders in the church, or by joining in these activities yourself! You'll help raise money whilst having a very pleasant day spent with your fellow worshippers — do join us! Walkers will be signing on at the back of church at 10.15am before setting off.



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