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PUSEY HOUSE OXFORD

HILARY TERM 2026

PUSEY HOUSE

Pusey House was opened in 1884 as a memorial to Edward Bouverie Pusey (1800-1882), Regius Professor of Hebrew and Canon of Christ Church, who was for forty years a figurehead of the Oxford Movement and its de facto leader after John Henry Newman's conversion in 1845. According to its founding documents, the House exists 'to promote theological study and holiness of life', and 'to provide spiritual counsel and comfort to members of the University'.

Today, the community of Pusey House embraces not only members of the University, but all who avail themselves of the work and ministry of the House within the Church of England and beyond. In working to renew the Church of England's Catholic life and witness, Dr Pusey and his colleagues also sought to understand and respond to the most profound needs of society in their day. One of the basic principles of the Oxford Movement was that the life of the mind and the life of prayer belong together, and that holiness of life overflows in ministries of love and service. In different ways and in a different context, Pusey House today seeks to embody these founding principles.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday:

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass

11.30am Midday Office

5.30pm Evensong

Tuesday:

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass

11.30am Midday Office

5.30pm Evensong

9.30pm Compline

Wednesday:

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am The Litany, followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11.30am Midday Office

5.30pm Evensong

6.00pm Mass with Homily

Thursday:

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass

11.30am Midday Office

5:00pm Rosary of Our Lady

5.30pm Evensong

Friday:

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Mass

11.30am Midday Office

5.30pm Evensong

6.00pm Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament

*Confessions are heard regularly on Thursday
mornings from 9.00am -10.00 am (9.30am*

*-10.00am outside of term) and before Evensong on
Fridays at 5.00 – 5.30pm (term time only) and at
other times by appointment with the clergy.*

SUNDAY & HOLY DAY SERVICES

SUNDAYS

*At 10.30am, Morning Prayer precedes the 11am Sunday High Mass
All sermons are recorded and available to listen to on the Pusey House website
Sunday School takes place during Mass every week
Hospitality follows in the Ursell Room and Blackwell Quad. All are welcome.*

HOLY DAYS

*On Holy Days, an additional 6pm Sung Mass is celebrated. Please check the website
www.puseyhouse.org.uk for the most up-to-date information.*

CONFIRMATIONS

*Confirmations will take place in Trinity Term on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 24th
May, by the President of the Trustees of Pusey House, the Rt Revd Michael Langrish.
Anyone interested in exploring the sacrament of confirmation is invited to contact a member
of the clergy.*

- 2ND WK

Thursday 1st January, *The Circumcision of Christ*

12 noon Sung Mass – Preacher, The Revd Dr Matthew Cheung-Salisbury,
Assistant Chaplain, Worcester College

- 1ST WEEK

Sunday 4th January, *The Second Sunday after Christmas*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Chaplain

4pm Choral Evensong with Choristers from Worcester College

Tuesday 6th January, *The Epiphany*

6pm High Mass – Preacher, The Principal

- Hilary Term begins on Sunday 11th January -

0TH WEEK

Sunday 11th January, *The First Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Parker Williams, Assistant Chaplain
Mass for Three Voices (Byrd), Noe, noe psalite (Mouton)

**Tuesday 13th January, *The Octave Day of the Epiphany and Baptism
of Christ***

6pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Revd Prof Greg Peters, Vicar, Anglican Church of
the Epiphany, La Mirada, California, Professor of Mediaeval and Spiritual Theology, Torrey
Honors College, Biola University

Saturday 17th January, *The Eve of the Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

4.30pm Epiphany Lessons & Carols

Followed by the Epiphany Feast (pre-booking required)

Sunday 18th January, *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Principal

Missa Octavi Toni "Jaeger" (Lassus), Tribus Miraculis (Marenzo)

Sunday 25th January, *The Conversion of St Paul*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Dr Andrew Teal, *Chaplain, Pembroke College*

Missa Brevis in F (Rheinberger), Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen (Brahms)

Friday 30th January, *Charles I, King & Martyr*

6.30pm High Mass (according to the 1662 BCP)

Communion Service (Humfrey), When David heard (Tomkins), Out of the Deep (Gibbons)

Sunday 1st February, *Septuagesima*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Andrew Wadsworth, *sometime Vicar of Bognor St Regis*

Mass in the Dorian Mode (Howells), My eyes for beauty pine (Howells)

Monday 2nd February, *Candlemas*

6.30pm High Mass with Blessing of Candles and Procession – Preacher, The Revd Dr Charles Miller, *Associate Priest, Pusey House*

Missa quarti toni (Victoria), Lumen ad revelationem gentium (Festa), Maria wallt zum Heiligtum (Eccard)

Followed by a Congregational Supper.

Sunday 8th February, *Sexagesima*

11am High Mass with Baptism – Preacher, The Revd Paul White

Plainsong Mass for a Mean (Sheppard), Descendi in ortum meum (Dunstable)

Tuesday 10th February, *Scholastica*, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543

5.30pm Evensong (*during the Anglo Catholic Socialism Conference*)

Wednesday 11th February

6.00pm Mass (**concluding the Anglo Catholic Socialism Conference**)

– Preacher, The Revd Canon Dr Jeremy Morris, *sometime Master of Trinity Hall, Cambridge*

Sunday 15th February, *Quinquagesima*

11am High Mass – Preacher, *The Chaplain*

Communion service in D (Bairstow), *Though I speak with the tongues of men* (Bairstow)

Tuesday 17th February, *Shrove Tuesday*

5.30pm Evensong – Preacher, Lt Col the Revd Canon Jim McCorriston, *Formation Chaplain, Maritime Forces Pacific & Joint Task Force (Pacific), Royal Canadian Navy*

Wednesday 18th February, *Ash Wednesday*

7.40am Mattins

8am Low Mass with Imposition of Ashes

12 noon High Mass with Imposition of Ashes – Preacher, The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Lord Williams of Oystermouth, PC, *sometime Archbishop of Canterbury*

Mass XVII (Salve), Miserere mei (Lotti), Purge me, O Lord (Tallis)

1.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5.30pm Evensong with the Communion

6pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes – Preacher, The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Lord Williams of Oystermouth

Sunday 22nd February, *The First Sunday in Lent*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Alexander McGregor, *Associate Priest, Pusey House*

Mass XVII (Salve), Ductus est Jesus à 4 (Guerrero)

Tuesday 24th February, *St Matthias the Apostle*

6pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Revd Philip Kennedy, *Vicar, The Ascension, Lavender Hill, London*

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Wednesday 25th February

5.30pm Evensong with Homily (*during the Confession Conference*) – Preacher, The Revd Dr Philip Moller, SJ, *Fellow in Modern Catholic Theology, Campion Hall*

7TH WEEK

Sunday 1st March, *The Second Sunday in Lent*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Ian McCormack, *Priest Associate, Church of the Advent, Boston MA and Director of Grafton House*
Mass XVII (Salve), Wipe away my sins (Tallis)

Wednesday 4th March

5.30pm Evensong (*following the Genealogy of Post-Liberalism Colloquium*)

8TH WEEK

Sunday 8th March, *The Third Sunday in Lent*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Dr Jeremy Sheehy, *Team Rector St Peter's, Swinton and St Augustine's, Pendlebury, sometime Principal of St Stephen's House and Chaplain of New College*
Mass XVII (Salve), Erat Jesus (Vecchi)

Wednesday 11th March

5.30pm Evensong (*during the Christian Revival Conference*) – Preacher, The Revd Dr Sam Wells, *Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields, London*

9TH WEEK

Sunday 15th March, *The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Lætare Sunday)*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Revd Dr Matthew Cheung-Salisbury
Mass XVII (Salve), Timor et tremor (Poulenc)

Thursday 19th March, *St Joseph of Nazareth, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Revd Elizabeth Allison-Glenny, *Chaplain and Tutorial Fellow in Theology, Regent's Park College*

- Hilary Term ends on Saturday 21st March -

PASSION

Sunday 22nd March, *The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)*

11am High Mass – Preacher, The Rt Revd Lindsay Urwin, OGS, *sometime Bishop of Horsham*

Wednesday 25th March, *The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6.00pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Revd Canon Iain Lane TSSE, *sometime Director of the St Albans Centre for Christian Studies*

Friday 27th March

6pm Oxford Literary Festival Evensong – Preacher, The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane, *Dean of Lichfield*

Sunday 29th March, *Palm Sunday*

11am High Mass with Blessing of Palms and Procession – Preacher, The Revd Dr Andrew Moore, *Associate Priest*

Monday 30th March, *Holy Monday*

8.10am Mattins

5.30pm Evensong

6pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Chaplain

Tuesday 31st, *Holy Tuesday*

8.10am Mattins

5.30pm Evensong

6pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, *Bishop of Oxford*
Followed by a Soup Supper

Wednesday 1st April, *Holy Wednesday*

8.10am Mattins, followed by The Litany

5.30pm Evensong

6pm Sung Mass – Preacher, The Principal. *Followed by a Soup Supper.*

7.45pm Tenebrae (Mattins and Lauds of Maundy Thursday)

Thursday 2nd April, *Maundy Thursday*

8.10am Mattins

5.30pm Evensong

7.30pm High Mass with Mandautum and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose – Preacher, The Revd Prof Hans Boersma, *St. Benedict Servants of Christ Chair in Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House*

9.30pm Vigil before the Altar of Repose

Friday 3rd April, *Good Friday*

8.10am Mattins, followed by The Litany

12 noon The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday – Preacher, The Revd Prof Hans Boersma

5.30pm Evensong

6pm Tenebrae (Mattins and Lauds of Holy Saturday)

Saturday 4th April, *Holy Saturday*

10am Mattins and Ante-Communion – Preacher, The Revd Alexander McGregor

10.30pm The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter – Preacher, The Revd Prof Hans Boersma *This service is followed by the Easter Party*

Sunday 5th April, *Easter Day*

11am High Mass – Preacher – Preacher, The Revd Prof Hans Boersma

Monday 6th April, *Easter Monday*

10am Mattins

10.30am Sung Mass

Tuesday 7th April, *Easter Tuesday*

10am Mattins

10.30am Sung Mass

THE LIBRARY & ARCHIVE

The Library at Pusey House is a hidden gem in Oxford. The Library began with Dr Pusey's personal collection of rare books, bought by his friends from his only surviving daughter, Mary Amelia Brine, after his death in 1882. Since 1884, it has continually expanded with the latest theological and historical scholarship and now holds over 75,000 volumes. Its main specialism is the history of the Oxford Movement, but it also has extensive holdings in patristics, liturgy, doctrinal theology, and broader church history.

The Library is open between 9.30am and 5.25pm, Monday to Friday and everyone is welcome. To sign up as a new reader, complete a registration form (found at puseyhouse.org.uk/study) and bring a form of photo ID on your first visit.

The Archive contains extensive material on the Tractarians and the Oxford Movement, records of several Anglo-Catholic societies and monastic orders, letters and papers of numerous notable Anglicans, and memorabilia of Dr Pusey himself, including many letters transcribed by Henry Parry Liddon for his

Life of Pusey, the manuscript of which is also held. Some of the autograph letters which Liddon transcribed and returned to their owners have now been lost, which lends the transcriptions added importance. Our John Henry Newman papers are fully digitised on the NINS Digital Collections platform.

Please contact **pusey.librarian@stx.ox.ac.uk** if you would like to consult material from the Pusey House Archives.

DIARY | REGULAR EVENTS

Midweek hospitality is regularly offered; to which all are welcome:

Breakfast *after Mass or the Office, Monday- Friday in the Hood Room*
Post Compline Hospitality, *port served in the Hood Room after Compline*
G&T and Tea, *6.20-7.20pm in the Hood Room each Friday (0th-9th weeks)*
- During Lent, Gin is available upon request. -

Scriptorium is a study group, run by Pusey House, structured around periods of private study, prayer, and breaks. From September 17th – October 8th it will meet each Wednesday and then from 1st - 9th Weeks (beginning 14th October) each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.15am to 5.20pm. Lunch, plus tea and coffee, is provided. Please contact pusey.sacristan@stx.ox.ac.uk for further details. Volunteers from the **Arts Society** meet each Tuesday from 10.00am - 3.30pm in the Ursell Room, carrying out important conservation work on the many historic volumes in the Pusey House Library. For more information, visit theartsocietywantage.org/library-conservation

The Womens' Group meets on Tuesdays from 1st - 8th Weeks at 6.30pm (1st - 8th weeks) for a meal, fellowship, prayer and study. It welcomes women of all ages and walks of life.

N.B. the following events are not run by Pusey House.

The **Oxford C.S. Lewis Society** meets each Tuesday (1st - 8th Weeks) at 8pm in the Ursell Room for Talks and Discussion. Founded in 1982, the Society promotes the works of C. S. Lewis and his intellectual and spiritual colleagues. For more information, visit www.oxfordcslewisociety.org

The **Graduate Christian Forum** explores the intersections between the Christian faith and the full range of academic subjects studied at Oxford, by interviewing Christian faculty members about their faith and their work. GCF is a postgraduate-led Oxford University group and meets each Monday (1st-8th week) in the Ursell Room at 7.30pm. For more information, visit www.graduatechristianforum.org

DIARY | STUDY DAYS, READING GROUPS etc.

- **Early Church Reading Group: St Gregory of Nyssa's The Life of Moses.**

Monday 19th & 26th January, 9th & 16th February, 2nd & 9th March, 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

This term the Group will be reading one of the most important mystical texts from the early church, tracing the path of Moses from his birth and slavery in Egypt to the ascent of the Mountain, with St Gregory as our guide to the spiritual meaning of every step of the journey. It meets in the Library or online. No knowledge of Church history or theology is assumed. To register your interest and details of the text to read visit OrdinaryTheology.com or contact Russell Jefford at info@ordinarytheology.com. Supper in the Hood Room will follow the concluding session on Monday 9th March.

- **Reading Group - The Making of Anglo-Catholics: The 39 Articles and Anglo-Catholicism.** The 39 Articles form an important part of the Doctrine of the Church of England. Each priest must assent to them as having “borne witness to the Christian truth”. (Common Worship Ordination Service). But what about the difficulties in reconciling them with Anglo-Catholic theology? Is Invocation of the Saints ‘a fond thing, vainly invented’? How do we reconcile ourselves to the prohibition of the Eucharist being ‘reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped?’ Each week a selection of extracts, from, among others, Darwell Stone and the Tractarians will provide an introduction to Anglo-Catholic theology, tackling the key questions that the Articles raise, examining, among other things, the Sacraments, Prayer and the Reading of Scripture. In so doing we hope to draw out an understanding of what it means to be an Anglo-Catholic in our corporate and personal life of prayer, and in our earthly pilgrimage with Christ. Sessions will be held in the Liddon Room at 9.30am – 10.30am on Fridays in Weeks 1–8 (starting on 23rd January). All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Charles Bishop on charles@puseyhouse.org.uk

- **Natural Law Study Group.** During Hilary and Trinity Terms, the Matraszek Fellow, Dr Jonathan Price, will offer a regular Study Group on Natural Law. These will take place in the Liddon Room at 1pm on Fridays of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th Weeks, beginning on 30th January.

For further information, please contact jonathan.price@stx.ox.ac.uk

- **St Gregory of Nazianzus, Saturday 7th February:** Trinity & Salvation A Study Day providing an introduction to the life and work of St Gregory of Nazianzus (c. 330 - 390 AD). Gregory ‘The Theologian’ was one of the three Cappadocian Fathers, and a key player in the fourth century trinitarian controversy. The day will compare some ‘common sense’ views-from-some-Western-pews on the divinity of Christ with Gregory’s approach, as set out in his Five Theological Orations, as well as surveying the shape of salvation, according to Gregory. No knowledge of Church history or theology is assumed.

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• **Lent Reading Group** The Great Canon of St Andrew of Crete is the foremost Lenten hymn of the Eastern Church, taking the form of a dialogue between the speaker and the speaker's own soul. This poem explores the resilience of the Image of God in a sinful humanity, displaying through Scriptural types and models both the seriousness of sin and the vastness of God's mercy. While all 250+ stanzas are performed dramatically in the fifth week of Lent in the Eastern tradition, it is split up into smaller sections earlier in Lent. In this group we will discuss different sections of the canon week by week. This text also provides a chance to experience how Christians in the Holy Land in the seventh and eighth centuries understood the Scriptures and applied them to their own lives. This Lenten Group will meet in the Liddon Room after Evensong, at 6.15pm each Thursday in Lent, beginning Thursday 19th February and concluding on Thursday 26th March.

For further information please contact Elliott Clark pusey.sacristan@stx.ox.ac.uk

• **St Gregory of Nyssa: Humanity & Spirituality**, *Saturday 21st February*: A Study Day providing an introduction to the life and work of St Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335 – 395 AD), the youngest of the three Cappadocian Fathers and one of the earliest mystics. The day will dive into Nyssa's understanding of what it is to be human, the importance of our divine image-likeness and free will, the choices set before us, our journey into God, and the necessity of an ever changing perception of the divine. No knowledge of Church history or theology is assumed.

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• **Oxford Literary Festival**: From *21st – 28th March*, the House will host events as part of this popular annual festival. Speakers include **Nigel Biggar, Marie Daouda, Jamie Franklin, Bijan Omrani, Nick Spencer, Jane Shaw, and Rowan Williams**. For further details of all the events, and to purchase tickets, please visit www.oxfordliteraryfestival.org

DIARY | CONCERTS

Please visit www.puseyhouse.org.uk/concerts or use this QR code for more information. There is an overview of this term's concerts below.

Pusey House Recital Series. Under the direction of the House's Master of Music, Edward Gaut, a series of free 30-40 minute concerts will be offered on Tuesday lunchtimes (1st – 8th Weeks) at 1.10pm.

The **Oxford Bach Soloists** will present two concerts each at **2.30pm** on **Saturday 24th January** “*Courante*” and **Saturday 7th March** “*Sarabande*”. J.S. Bach's Cello Suites BWV 1007–1012 are now among his best-known works, but they were largely forgotten until the early 20th century. Most likely written during his time in Köthen, each suite is based on Baroque dance forms and combines clarity, control, and expressive detail. This six-



part concert series (the first two concerts took place in Michaelmas Term and the remaining two concerts will take place in Trinity Term) features all six Cello Suites performed by principal cellist Henrik Persson. Each performance also includes choral music and keyboard works.

Tickets available from www.oxfordbachsoloists.com

Vocatio Responsio will perform Vivaldi's Four Seasons at **8.00pm on Monday 9th February**. Please check the website for booking details.

vOx Chamber Choir will present a concert entitled Bach and the Glories of the Baroque on **Sunday 22nd March at 5.00pm**.

For tickets and further information, please visit www.vox-choir-oxford.co.uk

DIARY | SPECIAL EVENTS

Tickets to all events can be found at www.ticketsource.co.uk/pusey-house or via this QR code:

- **The Epiphany Feast** will take place following the Epiphany Lessons & Carols on **Saturday 17th January at 6.30pm**. Pre-Dinner drinks will be held in the Library, followed by a 4-course dinner in the Hood Room with wine. Tickets priced at £75.00 (full-price) £35.00 (student).
- **A Congregational Supper** will take place following the **High Mass for Candlemas on Monday 2nd February**. All are welcome.
- **Dinner** during the **Past and Future of Anglo Catholic Socialism Conference** on **Tuesday 10th February at 7.00pm**. Pre-Dinner drinks will be held in the Library, followed by a 4-course dinner in the Hood Room with wine. Tickets are available priced at £55.00; please scan the QR code above.
- **Dinner** during the conference **Confession: The Church's Gift to the World?** on **Wednesday 25th February at 7.00pm**. Pre-Dinner drinks will be held in the Library, followed by a 4-course dinner in the Hood Room with wine. Tickets are available priced at £55.00; please scan the QR code above.
- **Dinner** following the afternoon colloquium entitled **A Genealogy of Post-Liberalism** on **Wednesday 4th March at 7.00pm**. Pre-Dinner drinks will be held in the Library, followed by a 4-course dinner in the Hood Room with wine. Tickets are available priced at £55.00; please scan the QR code above.
- **Dinner** during the conference **Christian Revival: Our post-liberal hope?** on **Wednesday 11th March at 7.00pm**. Pre-Dinner drinks will be held in the Library, followed by a 4-course dinner in the Hood Room with wine. Tickets are available priced at £55.00; please scan the QR code above.
- **Soup Suppers** will follow the Sung Masses on **Holy Tuesday, Tuesday 31st March** and **Holy Wednesday, Wednesday 1st April**.
- The **Resurrection Party** will take place following the **Easter Vigil on Saturday 4th/Sunday 5th April**. All are welcome.



LECTURES, CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIA

All public lectures are available to stream and watch again on the Pusey House YouTube channel

Wednesday 21st January (1st Week), 4.00pm

• **Recollection Lecture: Spiritual Renewal Through Friendship at Pusey House and Keble College**, *Ryan Blank, Head of Politics, Harrow School & Affiliated Researcher at the Pusey House Centre for Theology, Law and Culture*

Tractarianism was famous, in its own period, for the intensity of its friendships. Notably, the founding of the theological movement grew out of the friendship of John Keble with several of his students and his determination to help them develop in godliness and good learning. Several of these students, when they themselves became Oxford tutors, attempted to formalise Keble's method of instruction; notably under Robert Wilberforce and Hurrell Froude at Oriel and under Isaac Williams at Trinity. The controversy attached to John Henry Newman's involvement in the attempted reforms of tutoring at Oriel have perhaps obscured the Kebleian influence and the collapse of these reforms has often been seen as a catalyst for the Tracts for the Times project. This paper will explore the founding of Pusey House and Keble College as Anglican centres of learning in the Tractarian model, and illustrate the ways in which Edward Bouverie Pusey and Henry Parry Liddon attempted to formalise Tractarian ethos through the creation of memorial institutions dedicated to Christian learning, where friendship would facilitate spiritual renewal.

Wednesday 28th January (2nd Week), 4.00pm

• **Recollection Lecture: Jerusalem in Early Christian Hope**, *Markus Bockmuehl, Dean Ireland's Professor of the Exegesis of Holy Scripture, Keble College*

Nineteenth-century scholarship often argued that Christianity succeeded through the Hellenization of its theology, replacing Jewish national and terrestrial eschatology with Platonic spiritual interpretation. Robert Wilken's *The Land Called Holy* (1992) fundamentally disrupted this narrative for the patristic period, demonstrating that Christian engagement with Jerusalem and sacred geography intensified after the fourth century rather than disappearing. By contrast, New Testament scholarship's consideration of eschatology long maintained the spiritualization thesis with a surprising consistency, arguing that earliest Christianity systematically reoriented Israel's territorial hopes toward Christological and ecclesial categories. This lecture sets out to interrogate this assumption of a unilateral Christianization or spiritualization in the earliest texts. It will suggest instead that in Jesus and Paul, the Evangelists, and even Revelation, there are signs that concrete earthly and universal heavenly hopes for Jerusalem continue to coexist in Christianity's canonical texts. If true, this would suggest a line of continuity not only with the later patristic reflection but also, conversely, with Jewish thought from Ezekiel via Philo to the rabbis.

Wednesday 4th February, (3rd Week), 4.00pm

• **Recollection Lecture: Reading the Old Testament through the lens of the Icelandic Sagas**, *Sian Grønlie, Professor of Old Norse, University of Oxford & Tutorial Fellow, St Anne's College & Curate, St Giles' Church*

The Icelandic sagas have been used as a comparative literature for the narratives in the Old Testament ever since they became accessible in editions and translations towards the end of the nineteenth century. Scholars such as Hermann Gunkel, Gerhard von Rad, George Coats, Meir Sternberg and John Barton have all used the sagas to reflect on stories in the Hebrew Bible, ranging from single episodes like Jacob wrestling with an angel, to the entire span of the 'saga' of King David. Yet the sagas of Icelanders belong in a very different context: they were written down in the thirteenth century about Icelanders living in the tenth century and often survive in late medieval, or even early modern, manuscripts. If the characters in the sagas are sometimes pagans, the sagas themselves were written down by Christians, who may well have been familiar with the Old Testament, either in Latin or a vernacular translation. This lecture will consider the value of the Icelandic sagas for reading and understanding the Old Testament. It will look at how the sagas have been used by scholars of the Hebrew Bible in the past and compare this with how the Old Testament has been used by scholars of the sagas. It will suggest not only that there is a genuine kinship between these storytelling traditions, but also that the saga authors themselves were aware of this.

Tuesday 10th February (4th Week), 4.00pm

• **Recollection Lecture: Catholicism and the Labour Party**, *Jon Cruddas, former MP for Dagenham and Rainham*

In this lecture, Dr Cruddas will seek to address a major omission in the history of the Labour Party: the lack of substantial work on the contribution of Roman Catholics to it. Within the study of the origins of the Labour Party, this omission is often accounted for by factors such as the politics of Irish nationalism and home rule, traditional clerical suspicion of socialism, opposition to Labour Party policy over issues such as Catholic schooling, prior to the 1918 Education Act, and limited Roman Catholic participation at elections. Consequently, the Catholic contribution is a neglected area of study, often replaced either by a secularised version of Labour's history, or one that emphasises the role of dissenting Protestant traditions in helping to shape it.

The lecture is part of a wider project to reinsert the Roman Catholic contribution within Labour's history. It will examine debates over Catholic marginalisation, alongside theological developments within Catholic Social Teaching and its links to questions of ideological renewal throughout labour history, from the era of the 'religion of socialism' in the 1880-90s, to the present day significance of the so-called 'Blue Labour' movement. It will recover key Catholic figures within Labour history, such as its forgotten leader J.L. Clynes; the great Red Clydeside leader and founder of the Catholic Socialist Society, John Wheatley; TUC General Secretary, George Woodcock; the former Education Secretary, Shirley Williams; and Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair. It will also address the role of Catholics and wider questions of public policy and social reform integral to the history of the British welfare state.

Wednesday 11th February, 9.30am – 5.25pm

• Conference: *The Past and Future of Anglo Catholic Socialism*

An impressive number of socialist priests and intellectuals were formed by the Anglo-Catholic tradition in the first half of the twentieth century, including Percy Dearmer, F.D. Maurice, R.H. Tawney, J. N. Figgis, Henry Scott Holland, Frank Weston, Conrad Noel, Albert Mansbridge, Charles Gore, Ken Leech, and John Hughes. This conference will discuss what can be learnt from Anglo-Catholic socialism as a tradition that still bears relevance for our time.

The conference will consider:

- To what extent did theological doctrines, such as the Incarnation or the Real Presence in the Eucharist, involve and shape how Anglo-Catholics understood the importance of solidarity, the common good, subsidiarity, or social justice?
- Were Anglo-Catholics drawn to socialist politics more than low churchman, and if so, why?
- Is there anything distinctive about Anglo-Catholic socialism that sets it apart from the social teachings of the Popes, and even corrects some problems with Catholic social teaching?
- What were some of the major intellectual influences on the Anglo-Catholic socialists? What was the influence of Ruskin and Morris?
- The famous survey made by Labour MPs in 1906 by W.T. Stead, to ask what books most influenced their political beliefs, found that Ruskin was mentioned most frequently, followed by the Bible. This may have given rise to the aphorism that the Labour Party owed more to Methodism than to Marx. Is that saying true? Does it underestimate the influence of the Anglo-Catholics or does it reflect the greater influence of nonconformism among Christian socialists?
- Can we trace the influence of Anglo-Catholic socialism on any current or recent parliamentarians?
- What were some of the particular social or economic policies that Anglo-Catholics advocated and campaigned for, and are any of these policies still relevant today?
- Are there any parallels between the Anglo-Catholic socialists from the early-twentieth century and the post-liberal thinkers of our time?

Speakers include:

- The Revd Prof Paul Avis (University of Edinburgh), Charles Gore: Radical theologian, defender of the faith, and patrician socialist.
- The Revd Prof Mark Chapman (University of Oxford), Two Types of Anglo-Catholic Socialism: Fr Dolling and Conrad Noel.
- Prof Andrew Chandler (University of Chichester), Henry Scott Holland, Christian Socialism and Radical Generosity.
- Prof Jane Garnett (University of Oxford), Doing Theology in Altab Ali Park: Anglo-Catholicism and community in East London in the late 20th and early 21st centuries
- Prof Lawrence Goldman (University of Oxford), R. H. Tawney and the Reformation: Anglo-Catholicism as Theology or as History?
- Prof Robert Ingram (University of Texas at Austin), What was J.N. Figgis?

- Dr Sebastian Milbank (The Critic), Old timbers to new fires: Anglo-Catholicism and the architecture of socialism.
- The Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer (Anglican Communion Office), What kind of Socialism? Comparing Tawney, Temple, and Beveridge.

A Mass will conclude the conference at 6pm, at which the Revd Canon Dr Jeremy Morris will preach.

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Friday 20th February, (5th Week) 11.00am

• **Faith in Public Life Talk: Reparations: Slavery and the Tyranny of Imaginary Guilt**, *Nigel Biggar, Lord Biggar of Castle Douglas, Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, Pusey House & sometime Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, University of Oxford*

'Guilt as a response to personal wrongdoing is healthy. But false guilt is not. ... Today we are again succumbing to a fresh and more general bout of false guilt about our colonial past, which is misshaping the policies of our governments and cultural institutions and weakening our international standing.' — Lord Biggar, *Reparations: The Tyranny of Imaginary Guilt*.

Lord Biggar will speak about his latest book, why he chose to write it, what its argument is, how it builds on his previous work, *Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning*, and who, in particular, he is hoping will read it.

Monday 23rd February (6th Week), 6.15pm

• **Faith in Public Life Talk: 'Shepherding away from Home': The role of the Prison Chaplain**, *Rosalind Lane, sometime Anglican Chaplain at HMP Whitemoor and Senior Chaplain for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust & Paul Cowley, Bishops' Advisor for Prisons & Penal Affairs (London Diocese)*

The Revd Dr Rosalind Lane was a Prison Chaplain from 1996-2012. She was awarded her Doctorate in 2016 for a thesis entitled 'Imprisoned Grief: A theological, Spiritual and Practical Response'. In her research, she highlights the role of the Prison Chaplain as one who 'shepherds away from home' and argues that Chaplains are uniquely placed to support those who are disenfranchised in their grief whilst in prison. Her epistemological standpoint is one of a practitioner-researcher as a practical theologian and arises from theological reflection on the experiences of those in her care. Her research highlights that those in prison as well as being disenfranchised whilst grieving can become imprisoned in their grief in many different ways. She investigates the distinctive work of the chaplain, what is spiritual, religious, symbolic, and/or theological about it, and in so doing what areas of prisoner lives could be enfranchised and liberated in addressing these painful parts of their lives. She offers a unique insight to how faith operates in this hidden part of public life.

A response to her talk will be given by *The Revd Paul Cowley, MBE*, drawing on his own experience of both serving time in prison and of working through various organisations to help ex-offenders reintegrate into society. As a young man, Paul Cowley spent time in HMP Risley; he then served for seventeen years in the British Army. On leaving, he had a career in business, before changing his vocation to become a priest in the Church of England, serving at Holy Trinity Brompton. In 2005 he founded the charity Caring for Exoffenders, which has helped over 2,000 men and women re-integrate and re-join the workforce, and for which he was awarded an MBE in 2016.

Wednesday 25th February, 2.30pm – 5.25pm & Thursday 26th February, 9.30am – 5.25pm

• *Conference: Confession – The Church's Gift to the World?*

Confession is perhaps the most misunderstood of all the sacraments. It is a new beginning, a means of renewing one's hope for eternal glory, and of encountering again the forgiveness of the Father. Concerns about the Church's care for the vulnerable, safe-guarding, means that the absolution confidentiality of what is said in private confession, the 'seal' of confession, is both misunderstood and attacked by many today, both within and outside the Church. In what is sometimes called a 'therapeutic' society, which self-care is understood and the hope of repentance is not, how what is the connection between what secular and ecclesial counselling and forgiveness? Finally, in an age which there are calls for the Church, organisations, and governments to apologise for things which took place in previous generations or centuries, how do we understand corporate responsibility, guilt, and forgiveness?

Although the practice and theology of confession have varied among the different traditions of the universal church, and yet there is enough in common for Anglicans, Roman Catholics, and Eastern Orthodox Christians to be united in cherishing the same gift.

Our conference will gather an ecumenical array of speakers from these different traditions to consider some of the pastoral challenges and contemporary issues that are being faced by clergy today in the ministry of hearing confessions, and by the Church and Christians more generally. This will include, among other concerns, how confession relates to the commitment to safeguarding and the protection of the vulnerable, to the inviolability of the seal, and to the wider significance of confession in a culture that preaches tolerance without practicing forgiveness.

We hope that this colloquium will be not only interesting, but also a source of encouragement for ordinands, seminarians, and clergy across different ecclesial traditions. This conference can also serve as a form of formation or education for those preparing to hear confessions, seeking renewal in this ministry, or looking to the hope which the Church offers the world through the gift of renewal and reconciliation.

Speakers include:

- The Revd Dr Peter Anthony (All Saints, Margaret Street), The practicalities of renewing the sacrament of confession in parochial life
- The Revd & Rt. Hon Lord Biggar of Castle Douglas (Oxford), Corporate guilt and reparations.
- The Revd Stephen Coleman (Cardiff), Dangers to the Seal
- The Revd Dr Joanna Collicutt (Oxford), Clinical psychology and confession

- The Revd Philip Corbett (St. Silas, Kentish Town), The history of sacramental confession from an Anglo-Catholic perspective
- The Very Revd Nicholas Crowe (Blackfriars Hall), The theology of sacramental confession in the West.
- The Revd Nicholas Edmonds-Smith (The Oxford Oratory), The decline and revival of confession in the Roman Catholic Church.
- The Revd Ian McCormack (Church of the Advent, Boston MA), As if the grave closed over it: Anglican perspectives on the Seal of the Confessional.
- The Very Revd Stephen Platt (Orthodox Parish of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Oxford), The sacrament of confession in the Eastern Churches.
- Professor Neil Robertson (King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia), The Augustinian elevation of sacramental confession in the Prayer Book Tradition
- The Revd Canon Rebecca Swyer (St Richard's, Haywards Heath), The Seal and Safeguarding
- The Revd Dr Jakob Tronêt (St. Mary's, Sigtuna, Sweden), Sacramental confession in the Swedish Lutheran Church.

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• **A free Public Lecture** will be held on **Wednesday 25th February** at 4.00pm entitled **Dr. Pusey on the Effects of Absolution: Catholic but not Roman, the Revd Benjamin Jefferies, Trinity Anglican Seminary**

Dr Pusey heard more confessions in the 19th century than any other single priest in the Church of England. As is well known, his personal exercise of this ministry, together with his public defence of its lawfulness and usefulness in the Church of England, single-handedly made auricular confession a core element of the catholic revival. Less well known is the significant difference between Pusey's own theology of absolution and that of his successors. As auricular confession became popular (and popularly written about), the theology of auricular absolution which Dr Pusey had presented came to be elided with the standard Roman Catholic teaching. By the 1920s, Anglo-Catholic clergy taught no different than their Roman counterparts, namely, that Absolution not only restores the soul to a state of grace, but cleanses the soul as thoroughly as the waters of Baptism had once done. This was a teaching that Pusey explicitly repudiates, as being of human origin and bringing a false-comfort to the Christian. Dr Pusey's understanding of absolution, the effects it has on the soul, the role it plays in the sanctification of man, and its relationship to Christ's own judgment at the Last Judgment all differ markedly from the views that would become regnant among later Anglo-Catholic theologians. An exploration of Dr. Pusey's own views reveals a coherent theology that comports more harmoniously with the patristic (and monastic) emphasis

on the Christian life consisting of continual and ever deeper repentance. This exploration suggests a fresh re-framing of how this important ministry is taught about and exercised in the life of the Church today.

Evensong will follow the lecture at 5.30pm, at which the Revd Dr Philip Moller Sŷ will preach.

Wednesday 4th March (7th Week), 2.00pm – 5.25pm

• **Colloquium: A Genealogy of Post-Liberalism**, *John Milbank, Emeritus Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Nottingham, Jacob Williams, DPhil Candidate in Politics, University of Oxford, João Pinheiro da Silva, PhD candidate in philosophy, University of St Andrews, Paul Kelly, Professor of Political Theory, London School of Economics.*

'Liberalism is in crisis. Or so it seems. In the aftermath of Brexit and Trump's election, a plethora of books and articles reporting the end of liberalism emerged from both ends of the political spectrum. While the majority of voices from the American left and mainstream right mourned this perceived decline, a new faction within the right saw it as an opening for envisioning a fresh political paradigm beyond the constraints of liberalism. Many of these right-wing thinkers and activists, with whom U.S. Vice-President J. D. Vance publicly identifies, call themselves post-liberals. Yet the early uses of the term "postliberal" were strikingly different, denoting communitarian attempts to transcend liberal individualism rather than the illiberal rejection of liberal-democratic norms.' – Jacob Williams & João Pinheiro da Silva, *Post-liberalism: A Genealogy*.

This afternoon mini-colloquium will consider the following questions:

- What is 'post-liberalism'?
- What is the origin of this idea?
- And how can we better understand our own political moment by grasping the genealogy of this idea?

João Pinheiro da Silva (St. Andrew's) and Jacob Williams (Oxford) will first speak about their essay on the genealogy of post-liberalism, why they wrote it, and what its argument is.

There will then be two respondents, Prof John Milbank (Emeritus, Nottingham) and Prof Paul Kelly (LSE), followed by time for discussion between the speakers, and with the audience.

Wednesday 11th March 10.30am – 5.25pm & **Thursday 12th March**, 9.30am – 1.00pm (8th Week)

• **Conference: Christian Revival: Our post-liberal hope?**

Presented in partnership with the Danube Institute.

The long post-war consensus in the West—politically defined by liberal democracy, economically by globalisation, and morally by a shared repudiation of past horrors—has broken down. In its place, a new cultural and moral moment is emerging.

In this post-liberal moment, a trans-denominational Christian restoration is gathering force—intellectually, spiritually, and culturally. The work of various contemporary thinkers, such as Rod Dreher, Paul Kingsnorth, and Iain McGilchrist, point toward a renewal that is not merely reactionary but creative: a re-enchantment of the world through the recovery of Christian metaphysics—not as private consolation, but as public truth. This conference will gather some of the leading voices in this emerging renewal to ask:

- What form is this Christian re-enchantment taking?
- How should faith engage political life in a disenchanted world?
- What does it mean to be Christian after secularism?
- Can the Christian tradition not only criticise but also lead?

In doing so, we aim to connect Eastern and Western Christian traditions in common cause, and to investigate the appropriate relationship between Church and State in the post-liberal context. The conference will also seek to articulate strategies for advancing Christian cultural and institutional renewal in this new and unsettled era.

Evensong will follow the opening sessions at **5.30pm on Wednesday 11th March**, at which the Revd Dr Sam Wells will preach.

Please check the website regularly for more news about confirmed speakers.

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