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Ritualism and Revivalism: A brief history of Victorian religion

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| Start date | 19 Feb 16 | End date | 21 Feb 16 |
| Venue | Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge | | |
| Tutor | Dr Simon Doney | Course code | 1516NRX128 |

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Tutor biography

Since academic research into Puritanism, Dr Doney has been teaching adult learners for a number of educational institutions. He has experience of teaching a wide range of learners from diverse backgrounds and who have a desire to know more about history. He aims to get students introduced to key historical sources and debates and to encourage and stimulate further reading in the subject of church history and theology. His main interests include Protestantism and radical religion in early-modern Europe and England, and he provides lectures on the History of Christianity and Historical Theology.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

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| 19:00 | Dinner |
| 20:30 – 22:00 | Session 1: The World of Victorian Religion: Contexts and Issues in Victorian Religion |
| 22:00 | Terrace bar open for informal discussion |

Saturday

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| 07:30 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Session 2: God and Great Britain: Nation, Empire and Gender in Victorian Religion |
| 10:30 | Coffee |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Session 3: The High Church, The Tractarians, and Victorian Ritualism |
| 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Free |
| 16:00 | Tea |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Session 4: The Culture and Conscience of Nonconformity |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | Free |
| 18:30 | Dinner |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | Session 5: Trajectories of Evangelicalism |
| 21:30 | Terrace bar open for informal discussion |

Sunday

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 – 10:30 **Session 6: The Victorian Crisis of Faith: Faith and Doubt in Victorian Religion 1**

10:30 Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 **Session 7: The Victorian Crisis of Faith: Faith and Doubt in Victorian Religion 2**

12:45 Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

The overall purpose of the course is to:

- Identify the main forms of religious belief in Victorian Britain
- Evaluate the impact of Christianity on nationalism, gender, and politics in Victorian Britain
- Investigate the development of the religious thought of the Tractarians and Evangelicals
- Analyse the impact of Liberalism and science on religious belief during the Victorian period

Content:

Christianity played an important part in Victorian politics, society and culture. It was an era of significant development of religious thought; of faith and doubt. This course is a survey of Victorian religion which includes thematic studies on nationalism, empire, and gender. It will trace the development of the Oxford Movement, Evangelicalism, and Nonconformity, while considering the crisis of faith that afflicted later Victorian Christianity.

Presentation of the course:

Each session will be shaped around interactive lectures with slide presentations and time for class discussions. Student activities are based on reading contemporary ideas and of primary importance will be the study of relevant historical sources.

Outcomes:

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

- Identify the main forms of religious belief in Victorian Britain
- Evaluate the impact of Christianity on nationalism, gender perceptions and roles, and politics in Victorian Britain
- Investigate the development of religious thought of the Tractarians and Evangelicals
- Analyse the impact of Liberalism and science on religious belief during the Victorian period

Reading and resources list

Listed below are a number of texts that might be of interest for future reference, but do not need to be bought (or consulted) for the course.

| Author | Title | Publisher |
|-----------------|--|---|
| Bebbington, D | <i>Evangelicalism in Britain 1730-1980</i> | London: Unwin Hyman, 1989 |
| Bebbington, D | <i>The Nonconformist Conscience: Chapel and Politics, 1870-1914</i> | London: HarperCollins, 1982 |
| Chadwick, O. | <i>The Victorian Church, Part 1: 1829-1859</i> | London: SCM Press, 1966 |
| Chadwick, O. | <i>The Victorian Church, Part 2: 1860-1901</i> | London: SCM Press, 1987 |
| Larsen, T. | <i>Friends of Religious Equality: Nonconformist Politics in Mid-Victorian England</i> | Woodbridge: Boydell, 1999 |
| Parson, G | <i>Religion in Victorian Britain Part I: Traditions</i> | Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988 |
| Parson, G | <i>Religion in Victorian Britain Part III: Sources</i> | Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988 |
| Parson, G. | <i>Religion in Victorian Britain Part II: Controversies</i> | Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988 |
| Parson, G. | <i>Religion in Victorian Britain Part IV: Interpretations</i> | Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1988 |
| Parson, G. | <i>Religion in Victorian Britain Part V: Culture and empire</i> | Manchester: Manchester University Press, 1997 |
| Reardon, B | <i>Religious Thought in the Victorian Age, 2nd Ed</i> | Harlow, Longman, 1995 |
| Schlossberg, H. | <i>Conflict and Crisis in the Religious Life of Late Victorian England</i> | New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers, 2009 |
| Wolffe, J. | <i>God and Greater Britain: Religion and National Life in Britain and Ireland, 1843-1945</i> | London: Routledge, 1994 |

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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