

## The Tudors and the English Reformation

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Cambridge**Tutor** Dr. Andrew Lacey**Course code** 1718NRX037**Director of Programmes**

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### Tutor biography

Andrew Lacey holds a postgraduate degree in Library and Information Studies and a doctorate for work on King Charles I. From the late 1980s, he held posts as a professional librarian in a variety of Colleges and Universities, including College Librarian at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Special Collections Librarian at the University of Leicester, and in the University of Cambridge, Faculty of Architecture and History of Art.

He is a Tutor for both the University of Cambridge, Institute of Continuing Education and the University of Oxford, Department for Continuing Education. His teaching and research has included work on the English Civil War, sixteenth and seventeenth-century English and European history, the relationship between art and power, and nineteenth and twentieth-century British and European history; he has a particular interest in the history of religion under the Tudors and Stuarts.

Andrew published his doctoral work on Charles I through the Boydell Press and has also published many articles and essays on aspects of sixteenth and seventeenth-century history, this includes the writing and tutoring of an online course for the University of Oxford on the English Civil War. He has also written and tutored online courses for the University of Cambridge, Institute of Continuing Education, on the early Tudors and Queen Elizabeth I. He is currently writing further online courses for Cambridge and for the University of Exeter. In among all this, Andrew recently completed a book on the English Civil War which was published last year by Amberley Publishers - never a dull moment!

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## Course programme

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### 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.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Defenders of the Faith – the Tudors and the Defence of Catholic England
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	Marriages, Annulments and Reformations
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Edward VI – England's Josiah
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Fires of Faith – Mary and the Counter-Reformation
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	The Reformation of Images in Tudor England
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

### Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	England's Deborah – Elizabeth I and the 'Alteration of Religion'
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	Challenging Gloriana! Puritans and Catholics in Elizabethan England
12:45	Lunch

**The course will disperse after lunch**

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## Course syllabus

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### Aims:

- To provide a broad narrative of the period 1485 – 1603
- To examine the causes, progress and significance of the English Reformation to 1603
- To discuss the different ways in which the Tudor monarchy interacted with the process of Reformation
- To consider some aspects of the effects of the English Reformation on the social and cultural life of Tudor England

### Content:

Our course begins with the advent of the Tudor dynasty in 1485 after decades of civil war and the ways in which Henry VII sought to consolidate his rule and the continuance of the dynasty. Henry VII and, initially, Henry VIII were noted for their devotion to the Catholic Church and we will look at the ways in which the needs of the dynasty put this devotion under strain in the 1520s as Catherine of Aragon failed to produce a son and heir.

Henry used the language of Reformation to break with Rome and become head of the Church of England, but was Henry 'a Catholic without the Pope?' Was he ever a committed Protestant? We will examine the tortuous events of Henry's later reign as conservatives and reformers within the government vied for his support.

From there we will look at the short, but important, reign of Edward VI in which a radical, reforming agenda was imposed on England, in particular we will look at the two Prayer Books of Thomas Cranmer and the reaction of the English people to this radical change to their traditional religious beliefs and practices.

Edward's untimely death in 1553 eventually brought his half-sister, Mary, to the throne, after a disastrous attempt by John Dudley, Duke of Northumberland to replace her with his Protestant daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey. Mary, a devout Catholic, immediately threw into reverse the religious policies of her predecessors and attempted to restore the Roman Catholic faith in England. Probably the most well-known and significant of her policies was the violent persecution of English Protestants which led to the burning of over 200 of them.

Before considering the long and important reign of Elizabeth I, we will pause to consider something of the social and cultural effects of the Reformation, from the reformation of images, the consequences of the land changes associated with the dissolution of the monasteries to some of the implications of replacing a religion of image, colour and symbol with that of the unvarnished Word.

In her turn, Mary was succeeded in 1558 by her half-sister, Elizabeth and it was during Elizabeth's long and eventful reign that England emerged as the leading Protestant power in Europe. We will look at Elizabeth's often troubled and dangerous youth, the 'alteration of religion' she initiated when she came to the throne, the opposition her government experienced from both Roman Catholics and Puritans and, of course, the threat from resurgent Catholicism on the Continent and, in particular, Catholic Spain.

**Presentation of the course:**

The course will consist of illustrated lecture/seminars. Students will be encouraged to engage with and discuss the material under consideration.

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

- Understand something of the key events and personalities of Tudor England and their relationship to the Reformation
  - Have some insight into the ways the Reformation changed the social and cultural history of Tudor England
  - Appreciate how the process of Reformation in England was affected by different Tudor monarchs
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## Reading and resources list

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

### A good place to begin...

Rex, R. *The Tudors*.

Stroud : Amberley, 2009.

(An excellent introduction to this fascinating dynasty, it's not too long and well illustrated.)

Marshall, P. *The Reformation : a very short introduction*.

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2009.

(An excellent, and short, introduction to the European Reformation.)

### Background reading.

Bernard, G.W. *The king's reformation : Henry VIII and the remaking of the English church*.

New Haven : Yale University Press, 2005.

Duffy, E. *The stripping of the altars : traditional religion in England c.1400-1580*.

London : Yale University Press, 1992.

Duffy, E. *Fires of faith : Catholic England under Mary Tudor*.

New Haven : Yale University Press, 2009.

Duffy, E. *Reformation divided : Catholics, Protestants and the conversion of England*.

London : Bloomsbury, 2017.

Elton, G. R. *Reformation Europe 1517 – 1559* –2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Oxford : Blackwell, 1999.

Collinson, P. *The Elizabethan puritan movement*.

Oxford : Clarendon Press, 1990.

Dickens, A. G. *The English Reformation* –2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Pennsylvania : Penn State University Press, 1989.

Haigh, C. *English Reformations : religion, politics and society under the Tudors*.

Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1993.

Hicks, C. *The king's glass : a story of Tudor power and secret art*.

London : Chatto & Windus, 2007.

Knowles, D. *Bare ruined choirs : the dissolution of the English monasteries*.

Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1976.

MacCulloch, D. *Tudor church militant : Edward VI and the Protestant reformation*.

London : Penguin, 1999.

MacCulloch, D. *Reformation : Europe's house divided 1490-1700*.  
London : Allen Lane/Penguin, 2003.

Scarisbrick, J. J. *The reformation and the English people*.  
London : Blackwell, 1984.

Sheils, W.J. *The English Reformation 1530 – 1570*.  
London : Longman, 1989.

### **Website addresses**

<http://www.tudorhistory.org/>

<http://www.tudor-history.com/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/english\\_reformation\\_01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/tudors/english_reformation_01.shtml)

<http://www.elizabethi.org/contents/>

<http://www.marie-stuart.co.uk/>

**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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