



Death in the Middle Ages, c1050 – c1550

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End date 12 November 2017

Venue Madingley Hall
Madingley
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Tutor biography

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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.

19:00	Dinner
20:30 – 22:00	Introduction: The Theology of Death and the Geography of the Afterlife
22:00	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Saturday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Dying...
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30 and the Dead
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Free
16:00	Tea
16:30 – 18:00	Funeral and Memorialisation
18:00 – 18:30	Free
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 21:30	The Purchase of Paradise
21:30	Terrace bar open for informal discussion

Sunday

07:30	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	The Reformation and its impact
10:30	Coffee
11:00 – 12:30	The Evidence of Wills
12:45	Lunch

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

Inevitably, much of the emphasis of this course is on what the medieval church taught that people *should* believe, but death (and particularly attitudes to the dead themselves) is an area where it is often possible to glimpse a marked discrepancy between the teachings of the church and popular belief, and one of the aims of this weekend is to explore that distinction and its implications

Content:

Death in the Middle Ages has become an extremely fertile area of study and debate, moving the subject away from the bland generalities of Phillipe Ariès. This course focuses on England, but draws material freely from elsewhere in Europe where appropriate. Among the issues to be included are the 'rise' of Purgatory and its consequences, death rituals and the memorialisation of the dead, and the good and bad death. The course ends with a look at the dismantling of medieval beliefs about the place of the dead at the Reformation, and considers how quickly, and how thoroughly, the changes were accepted at the parish level. The course thus embraces the formation and destruction of a set of beliefs and their attendant rituals.

Presentation of the course:

Teaching will be by lectures and discussion, drawing on a range of contemporary sources.

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

Introduced to current thinking about attitudes to death in the Middle Ages and be made aware of the problems in the way of assessing contemporary belief.

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 and date
BINSKI, PAUL	<i>Medieval Death: Ritual and Representation</i>	British Museum Press, 2001 new ed.
DANIELL, C	<i>Death and Burial in Medieval England</i>	Routledge, 1998 new ed.
JUPP, P & GITTINGS, C	<i>Death in England: An Illustrated History (chaps 3-5)</i>	MUP, 1999
MARSHALL, PETER	<i>Beliefs and the Dead in Reformation England</i>	OUP, 2002

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