

LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY EVENTS
September – December 2022

Please note that all these events will take place in the Bancroft Room in the new building of Lambeth Palace Library (entrance on Lambeth Palace Road). Please arrive 10 minutes before the start time given below to allow time to take the lift to the top.

Thursday 17 November, 5.30pm

Adrian Waddingham: ‘Breakspear: the unknown English pope’

Nicholas Breakspear has been overlooked for centuries, even though his achievements outshone those of his contemporary, Thomas Becket. Born in poverty and probably illegitimate, Breakspear rose to become the only English pope, elected in 1154 as Adrian IV. In conflict with the Norman King William of Sicily, the Byzantine Emperor Comnenus and finally the German Emperor Frederick Barbarossa, Breakspear saved his church from German domination, but his legacy is contested. There was a papal schism on his death, while many blame him for allowing Henry II's subjugation of Ireland in 1171. For the first time in over 100 years, R. A. J. Waddingham returns to the evidence in chronicles and medieval manuscripts to tell the whole story of Breakspear's remarkable journey through twelfth-century Europe.

All are welcome, but those wishing to attend should book a free ticket at <https://adrian-waddingham-lecture-lambeth-palace-library.eventbrite.co.uk> or email archives@churchofengland.org not later than Friday 11 November.

Tuesday 22 November, 5pm

Professor Nicholas Tyacke (University College, London): The Death of William III (1702) and the ‘Secularization Thesis’

In association with the University of London research seminar on the Religious History of Britain, 1500-1800.

This paper will examine changing ideas of the sacred and the secular as evinced by the responses in print to the death of William III.

Professor Tyacke's work focuses upon the political, religious and intellectual histories of early modern Britain, particularly with reference to Parliament, the Church of England, nonconformity, and Oxford and Cambridge universities. His publications include *Altars Restored: the Changing Face of English Religious Worship, 1547–c.1700* (2007), co-authored with Kenneth Fincham, and an edited collection *The English Revolution, c.1590–1720: Politics, Religion and Communities* (2007).

All are welcome, but those wishing to attend should book a free ticket at <https://nicholas-tyacke-lecture-lambeth-palace-library.eventbrite.co.uk> or email archives@churchofengland.org not later than Thursday 17 November.

Thursday 8 December, 6pm (admittance from 5.30pm)

Christmas reception for the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library and their guests, in the Bancroft Room, Lambeth Palace library.

This event is open only to Friends of Lambeth Palace Library and their guests. Tickets £10 per head, to include wine and mince pies. To book, please send names in advance to Amy Richardson (lplstaff@churchofengland.org) or telephone 020 7898 1400, not later than Friday 25 November.

Details of all these events may be found on the Lambeth Palace Library website

<https://www.lambethpalacelibrary.org/about-lambeth-palace-library/whats-on/>

Tours of the new library building and exhibition

Members of the Friends and their guests are invited to join free tours of the Library's new building. The next tour date will be:
Thursday 17 November at 4pm.

To book a place, please send names in advance to Amy Richardson, lplstaff@churchofengland.org or telephone 020 7898 1400.

Collecting During Covid: a selection of books and manuscripts recently acquired by Lambeth Palace Library is now open to visitors until 10th October.

This small exhibition can be visited (no booking necessary) during the Library's public opening hours, from 9.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Please join the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library

<https://lambethpalacelibrary.org/friends-of-lambeth-palace-library/>