LUNCHTIME LECTURE
Tuesday 24th October 2017
at 12.00 noon in the McKenna Room

‘BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON …’

Speaker: Professor Susan Gillingham

Susan Gillingham is Professor of the Hebrew Bible at the University of Oxford and Fellow and Tutor in Theology at Worcester College. An authority on the Psalms, she has written extensively on the subject and in 2015 she was the first British woman to be awarded a Doctorate of Divinity by the University.

Psalm 137: ‘By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea we wept, when we remembered Zion.’

A haunting cry of loss, oppression, bitterness and grief. This, one of the best known of the Hebrew Psalms, speaks with immediacy from the heart. Over the years it has been said and sung by countless generations, remembering both in sorrow and in anger the human experience of injustice and humiliation. And lest we should be tempted to think that Psalm 137 is simply about the displacement of a long-ago people from a far-away country, Professor Gillingham will remind us that we need look no further than present-day music – from Howard Goodall to Boney M – moved by present-day victims of oppression and war, to realise that the song continues.

Afterwards, a sandwich lunch will be served with a glass of wine, a soft drink, tea or coffee.

Tickets: Friends £15 each / Guests - £18 each

The talk will be illustrated with musical clips and a microphone will be in use.

It is regretted that parking cannot be offered on this occasion.

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