

LUNCHTIME LECTURE

Wednesday, 29th January 2020

At 12.00 noon in The Sir Michael Dummett Lecture Theatre

The Pre-Raphaelites, Ruskin and the Oxford Movement

Speaker: Mary Acton BA (Hons Courtauld Institute) FE Dip.

Mary is well known in the History of Art world. She was Course Director of the Undergraduate Diploma in History of Art at Oxford University Department of Continuing Education and still teaches.

The Pre-Raphaelites, in particular Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris, were inspired by Ruskin who himself entered Christ Church as a gentleman-commoner in 1837. Ruskin was England's most influential art critic. Edward Burne-Jones and William Morris met as undergraduates in Oxford. William Morris went on to found his decorative arts company. Burne-Jones designed outstanding stained glass for his company and the St Frideswide window in the Latin Chapel of the Cathedral, is one of his finest early works.

The Oxford Movement started in 1832 with a small group of Oxford Academics of which Newman, Keble and Pusey were the founders. They argued against the increasing secularisation of the Church and, in the same way as the Pre-Raphaelites looked back for inspiration to the early Italian painters, they sought to return the church to the earlier Catholic doctrines. When Newman withdrew from the Movement and was received into the Catholic Church. Pusey, who had been a commoner at Christ Church, succeeded Newman as leader. He is buried in the nave of the Cathedral. Mary explores how these painters and thinkers, with connections with Christ Church were influenced by Oxford and left a lasting legacy there.

Following the lecture there will be a sandwich lunch with wine or soft drinks, tea/coffee.

Tickets: Friends - £15.00 each Guests - £18.00 each

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