

LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY EVENTS
March – June 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.

Tuesday 3 May, 5.15pm

Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch: ‘Right in front of our eyes: viewing the English Reformation afresh’.

In this illustrated talk, **Diarmaid MacCulloch**, Emeritus Professor of the History of the Church in the University of Oxford, looks at the church buildings and the history of the Church of England, to make a surprising connection that helps us understand both buildings and history a little better.

In association with the University of London research seminar on the Religious History of Britain, 1500-1800. All are welcome, but those wishing to attend should book a free ticket at <https://diarmaidmacculloch-reformationafresh.eventbrite.co.uk>, or email archives@churchofengland.org not later than Thursday 28 April.

Wednesday 18 May, 5.30pm

Dr Mary Wellesley: ‘Hidden Hands: the human stories hidden in our oldest books’.

Dr Mary Wellesley is a writer and historian, who teaches courses on medieval language and literature as part of the British Library’s adult learning programme. Her book, *Hidden Hands: the Lives of Manuscripts and Their Makers* was published in October 2021. It was chosen as one of the history books of the year by both *The Times* and *BBC History Magazine*.

All are welcome, but those wishing to attend should book a free ticket at <https://marywellesley-hiddenhands.eventbrite.co.uk> or email archives@churchofengland.org not later than Friday 13 May.

Thursday 9 June, 5.30pm

Dr Nicholas Fisher: ‘Bishop Symon Patrick (1626-1707) - unsung hero of the Restoration Church of England’.

In 2018, **Nick Fisher** was the first recipient of a Lambeth doctorate after the scheme had been rebranded ‘Lambeth Research Degrees in Theology’. His thesis explored the life and writings of Symon Patrick in a career that included being Rector of St Paul’s, Covent Garden, a King’s Chaplain and Bishop of Ely. This illustrated talk will explore the religious tensions of Charles II’s reign and suggest that Patrick's contribution to the national Church has been unjustly neglected.

All are welcome, but those wishing to attend should book a free ticket at <https://nicholasfisher-symonpatrick.eventbrite.co.uk> or email archives@churchofengland.org not later than Monday 6 June.

Friday 24 June, 2.30pm

Friends' Annual Lecture, followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Lambeth Palace Library (at 3.30pm) followed by tea.

Revd John Witheridge: 'In the Shadow of Death: The Life, Work and Trials of Archbishop Tait'.

Archibald Campbell Tait was Queen Victoria's favourite Archbishop of Canterbury. While not always successful, his leadership of the Church during a period of controversy at home and challenge overseas was bravely accomplished against a background of personal tragedy.

John Witheridge has been Chaplain to Archbishop Runcie, Senior Chaplain at Eton and Headmaster of Charterhouse. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and a Chaplain to The Queen.

This meeting is open only to Friends of Lambeth Palace Library.

Please book in advance with Melissa Harrison, Lambeth Palace Library, archives@churchofengland.org or telephone 020 7898 1400, not later than Wednesday 15 June.

Details of all these events may be found on the Lambeth Palace Library website <https://lambethpalacelibrary.org/about-lambeth-palace-library/whats-on/treasures/>

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 dates will be: Tuesday 3 May at 3.45pm; Wednesday 18 May at 4pm and Thursday 9 June at 4pm. **To book a place, please send names in advance to Melissa Harrison, archives@churchofengland.org or telephone 020 7898 1400.**

A second display of highlights from the Library's collections is now open to visitors until Friday 8 April. Among the items on display are the thirteenth-century Lambeth Apocalypse, a Book of Hours belonging to King Richard III, a volume annotated by King Henry VIII and the death warrant of Mary Queen of Scots. This small exhibition can be visited (no booking necessary) during the Library's public opening hours, from 10am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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