



**ST THEOSEVIA CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY
OPEN STUDY DAYS IN MICHAELMAS TERM 2018**

at St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Road, Oxford OX2 6LU

An Ecumenical Centre for Christian Spirituality in Oxford

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Saturday 27 October 10.30 am – 4 pm

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Gardens in Hampshire & the Isle of Wight**
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*St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Road, left off Banbury Rd just after North Parade.
Study days **FREE** for students with card. Non-students £5 (on door). No booking needed,
just come, for all or part of the day. Lunch break 1-2 pm (please provide your own lunch).*

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Dear Friends of St Theosevia's,

Greetings for the new academic year. Thank you for your support and presence at last term's Study Days, both of which were absorbing and well attended. The day in June on the impact of the Russian Revolution on thinking in the Russian Orthodox Church revealed what a ferment of possible changes were being discussed at that time. There were excellent inputs from Fr Hyacinthe Destivelle OP (Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, Rome) and Andrey Levitsky (Oxford D.Phil candidate) and contributions from the floor, which made for a rich exploration. The day was limited to a slightly prolonged morning due to the unfortunate absence of Prof. Antoine Arjakowski who was prevented by a rail strike from travelling from Paris.

Near the beginning of this Michaelmas Term, on Saturday 27 October, Dr Nicholas Gendle will present another illustrated Study Day resulting from a tour, this time in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in search of art and architecture ranging from Norman Romsey Abbey to the Pre-Raphaelites.

Then on 17 November we welcome Metropolitan Kallistos, Canon Peter Doll from Norwich (former Chaplain of Worcester College) and Dr Simon Lewis (now at Trinity College, Dublin after his Oxford D Phil) for a major Study Day exploring C17 – C18th Anglican interest in patristic theology, ecclesiology and liturgy, and the conversations between the Anglican 'non-jurors' (who refused to swear allegiance to William and Mary as monarchs) and the Orthodox. This promises to open a fascinating window into the past, into a little-known ecumenical relationship based on a common interest in the 'undivided' church. We look forward to seeing you this term.

LIZ CARMICHAEL

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- If you would like to receive newsletters and reminders by email, you can subscribe by sending a blank email to: theosevia-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- Free tea and coffee are available at Study Days, from 10 am and at lunch-time. Lunch break is 1-2 pm. Bring packed lunch, or you can find food nearby in North Parade.
- If you are willing to help serve coffee for a study day you will have a free place. Please contact the Assistant Director of Studies if you would like to help in this way.

DETAILS OF EVENTS IN MICHAELMAS TERM

Saturday 27 October 10.30 am – 4 pm

**Art and Architecture: Churches, Houses and Gardens in
Hampshire & the Isle of Wight**
Illustrated talks by Dr Nicholas Gendle

This day is the fruit of a tour to Hampshire & the Isle of Wight undertaken in June 2018. Visits were made to nine churches (mostly mediaeval, including Romsey Abbey); two country houses, Carisbrooke Castle and Brading Roman Villa and Museum. Post-mediaeval churches included Queen Victoria's church at Whippingham near Osborne House, and the Pre-Raphaelite interiors at Lyndhurst. A horticultural highlight was the famous rose-garden at Mottisfont Abbey. Principal architectural features of the buildings and details of the art works and artefacts they contain, will be presented, discussed and illustrated with slides.

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**Anglican 'Non-Jurors', the Early Church and the Orthodox:
a C17- C18th Conversation**

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, Rev. Canon Dr Peter Doll, Dr Simon Lewis

Dr Simon Lewis introduces **The Historical and Theological Context of the Non-Jurors**, giving a brief overview of the Non-Juring schism following the 1688-89 Revolution, and the most notable clerical and lay individuals involved. He will consider the social and political implications of their refusal and explore how Non-Jurors defended their stance. Reference will also be made to the various internal disputes among Non-Jurors, most notably the so-called 'Usages' controversy.

Canon Dr Peter Doll, who as former Chaplain of Worcester College organised a conference commemorating its early C18th 'Greek College', has been fascinated ever since by the links between Anglicanism and Orthodoxy. He speaks on **'The "Primitive Basilica" as a Setting for the "Unbloody Sacrifice": Early Christian Influences on Anglican Worship'**, examining how C17th and C18th Anglicans looked to the undivided Primitive Church as the basis of their ecclesiological self-understanding and therefore also of their theology of worship and the design of church buildings.

Metropolitan Kallistos speaks on **'The Non-Jurors and the Orthodox'**: During 1716-1725 the Non-Jurors maintained a highly interesting correspondence with both the four Eastern Patriarchs and the Church of Russia, in the hope of establishing communion with the Orthodox. The negotiations eventually came to nothing, but both sides made theological statements of great value. Among various topics they discussed the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the veneration of the Mother of God, the invocation of the saints, and the place of icons in Christian worship.

THE UNICORN GROUP

An Ecumenical group founded by Professor Nicolas Zernov in 1959

Friday 19 October: The question of Islam - Is Islam really what the mullahs ruling Iran and ISIS practice? Masoud Ahmadi is a human rights activist concerned with Iran and the whole Middle East. He is a volunteer with The International Liberty Association, a UK charity working to end executions, in particular of minors in Iran.

Friday 2nd November: A study in local giving: the origins and work of St Michael's and All Saints' Charities, an ancient Oxford institution. The Charities' Clerk, Rupert Sheppard, talks on their origins and how they approach the awarding of grants to address poverty and other pressing needs in Oxford and the county.

Friday 16 November: Experience and Faith in Education. Emeritus Professor Anne Watson taught maths in comprehensive schools serving fractured communities before moving to academia. A Quaker for most of her adult life she finds strong alignment between her work and beliefs, which she will explore with examples from her book, *Experience and Faith in Education: essays on Quaker Perspectives*.

Friday 30 November: Encountering the Nativity Abstract artist Robert Wright, formerly Sub Dean of Westminster, Rector of St Margaret's Westminster, and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, will show some of his abstract Christmas cards. Abstraction offers a chance to consider how the world feels. "Sometimes when painting, something miraculous appears, something strange or mysterious...." Perhaps the shepherds and Wise Men also found something "miraculous, strange and mysterious" in the manger at Bethlehem. Please join us for this fascinating talk whilst enjoying wine and lunch to celebrate Christmas.

Meetings are open to all, in the House of St Gregory and St Macrina, 1 Canterbury Road, Oxford. At **12.30 pm** tea and coffee are served. Packed lunches may be brought. Talks and discussion run from **1.00 pm to 2.00 pm**. Donations to cover expenses are welcome. **Enquiries** (no booking needed) to Judith Baker 07981 345 125, jpbaker@hotmail.co.uk

Mediaeval Arts Group: note the Hampshire Study Day on 27 October. Enquiries: Valerie Sansom, 0118 947 9471, Ann Weizmann 0118 948 1884

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

This group meets every Tuesday evening at 7 pm at St Theosevia House, 2 Canterbury Rd, for one hour of reflection and silent prayer, 7 - 8 pm. All are welcome. Please contact Patricia Simon: patriciasimon@tiscali.co.uk

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Simon Lewis Biography: I studied for my BA in History at the University of Leicester (2008-2011), and my MA in Church History at the University of Nottingham (2011-2012). In November 2017, I completed my DPhil in History at the University of Oxford. For the 2017/18, I am Jacobite Studies Trust Junior Research Fellow at the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) in London. My IHR project explores the theological engagement of lay Non-Jurors. In October 2018, I will be commencing a two-year Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship at Trinity College Dublin.

Peter Doll Biography: Since as a former Chaplain of Worcester College he organised a conference commemorating its early eighteenth-century 'Greek College', Peter Doll has been fascinated by links between Anglicanism and Orthodoxy. A native of Washington, D.C., he has served as a priest in the Church of England since 1995 and is currently Canon Librarian and Vice-Dean of Norwich Cathedral.