

ARTS SOCIETY TEME VALLEY STUDY DAY

FRIDAY 1st December 2023

Lecturer : Imogen Corrigan

Signs and symbols in mediaeval art

Cawley Hall, Eye, Luston HR6 0DS

10.0 am Arrival and coffee/tea

10.30 An introduction to the world of medieval symbolism.

The day guides the audience through where medieval imagery might be found and the forms it might take as well as what it meant to the viewer in the Middle Ages. This ranges from formal sculpture to graffiti. It answers some basic questions (e.g. why are fonts usually octagonal, is a hedgehog a good or bad figure in medieval art?), but also considers body language and how to spot saints.

11.30-11.45 Comfort Break

11.45 The symbolism of Mary and a focus on well-known pictures.

In session two we will look at the symbolism of Mary (appropriate for the time of the year) including her Laudable Conditions. We will study the Merode Altarpiece as well as two well-known works of art, focussing on the symbolism they contain: St Jerome in his study by Antonello da Messina and the Arnolfini Portrait by Jan van Eyck. We may end with the symbolism of a few animals.

12.45 Lunch

14.00 -15.00 Monsters in medieval art.

For the last session we will look into the wonderful and sometimes whacky world of monsters, so many of which litter our churches and manuscripts. Some are funny, some downright disrespectful, but all show a strange mixing of devotion with deformity, piety with profanity, reverence with roguishness. Did these images have a purpose? What inspired them?

Study Day Booking Form Friday 1st December

The cost of the day is £40 per ASTV member and £45 per guest and includes coffee/tea and a professionally catered two-course lunch. Wine and fruit juice will be available.

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Name(s) of guest(s).....

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