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Christianity in the Middle East Today



SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2015



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*A day school to be held
at Rewley House, 1 Wellington
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The Middle East is the place of origin of Christianity. Middle Eastern Christianity, despite being a small part of Global Christianity, less than one per cent, has significance and importance for the wider Christian tradition. The ecclesial context is one of great complexity.

The churches of the Middle East can be grouped into five families - Oriental Orthodox; Eastern Orthodox; 'Assyrian' Church of the East; Oriental and Eastern Catholic; Anglican and Protestant. Today Christianity in the Middle East faces numerous challenges - civil war, interreligious conflict, migration and exile. This is only part of the story. Middle East Christianity is a lively and rich spiritual community which is creating new theological and political thought, ecumenical conviviality and monastic revival.

This study day begins with an introduction to the main historical, political and religious currents which provide the context for Christianity in the Middle East today; engages with Armenian Christianity in Western Asia; Eastern Christianity in Iraq; the theological and political context for Christians in the Holy Land; and the growing presence of Middle Eastern Christians in Europe due to displacement and conflict in the region and the challenges and opportunities it provokes.

BACKGROUND READING

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A.O'Mahony, A. & Flannery, J. (eds) *The Catholic Church in the contemporary Middle East: Studies for The Synod of the Middle East* (London, Melisende 2010)

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PROGRAMME

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| 9.45am | Registration |
| 10.00am | Christianity in the Middle East:
an introduction and overview
ANTHONY O'MAHONY |
| 10.30am | The Armenian Church:
modern history and
contemporary situation
HRATCH TCHILINGIRIAN |
| 11.30am | Coffee/tea |
| 11.50am | Eastern Christianity in
modern Iraq
KRISTIAN GIRLING |
| 1.00pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm | Middle East Christians in
Europe today – migration,
diaspora and new beginnings
FIONA MCCALLUM |
| 3.15pm | Tea/coffee |
| 3.45pm | Christianity in the Holy
Land: political and
theological challenges
PETER COLWELL |
| 5.00pm | Course disperses |

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