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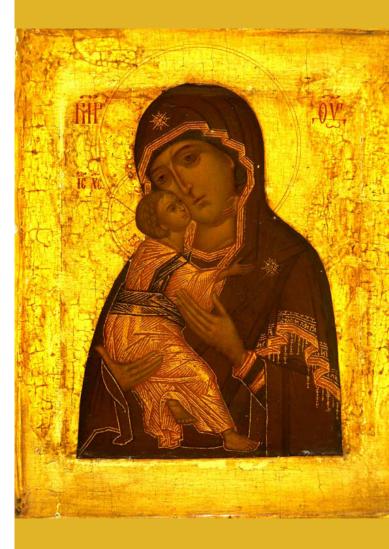
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## Christianity in the Middle East Today



SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2015



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### Christianity in the Middle East Today

A day school to be held at Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square Oxford

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**

Binns, J. An Introduction to the Christian Orthodox Churches (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002)

Rassam, S. Christianity in Iraq (Leominister: Gracewing 2005)

A.O'Mahony, A. et al. (eds) Eastern Christianity in the modern Middle East (London, Routledge, 2010)

A.O'Mahony, A. Christianity and Jerusalem: Studies in Theology and Politics in the Modern Holy Land (Gracewing Press, 2010)

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)

A.O'Mahony A. Et. Al. (eds) *Christian Responses to Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations in the Modern World* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2008)

### **PROGRAMME**

### **SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2015**

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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