History’s survivals: thoughts on the meaning of keeping records

2020 Ludgate Colloquium

Location: The Church of St Martin-within-Ludgate, 40 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7DE

The last Ludgate colloquia have concentrated on what we do not know about the past or what we have forgotten. This year, we are thinking about the opposite: about record keeping; about what empirical facts survive even from the far past; about how recording technology changes remembering; about historical contexts that can still be reconstructed.

Tickets are £20 each and £15 for guests under the age of 25 years, to include lunch, tea and coffee and a wine reception.

Programme

10.00 AM - Welcome, introduction to St Martin’s and the Stationers’ Company
10:30 AM - The Right Revd Dr Stephen Platten (Stationers’), ‘Facts from Scripture’
11:00 AM - Professor Roberta Gilchrist (University of Reading), ‘Placed deposits: the records and remains of medieval people’
11:30 AM - Coffee
12.00 PM - Professor Peter McDonald (Christ Church, Oxford), ‘The recorded voice of poets’
12:30 PM - Discussion of all morning presentations
1:00-2:30 PM - Lunch
2:30 PM - Professor Francis O’Gorman (University of Edinburgh), ‘Technology and remembering the dead’
3:00 PM - Paul Wilson and Helen Esmonde (Stationers’), ‘The written word: the power to preserve. Examples from the Stationers’ records’
3:30 PM - Discussion
4:00 PM - Wine.