

# Learning in Rome 2019 Courses

*A first-hand experience  
of the ancient and modern  
Christian city of Rome.*



The Anglican Centre hold regular courses, invite seminaries and theological colleges to hold study visits in Rome, and help parishes as they plan pilgrimages. We are particularly keen to help people from around the world to visit Rome and have a number of bursaries available for all of our courses. See what a difference studying in Rome might make to your ministry!



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## Go Thou to Rome: Paradise, Grave, City, and Wilderness

Sunday 12 May 2019  
to Friday 17 May 2019

How have poets working in English responded to the promise and threat of Rome? In the more than thousand years since St Helena's hagiographer Cynewulf described Rome as *burg enta*, "city of giants," the English tradition has both kept a wary eye on Rome and made it a goal of poetic pilgrimage. This course takes Shelley's call to one mourning the death of John Keats, "Go thou to Rome, - at once the Paradise/The grave, the city, and the wilderness" as an organizing principle, one way to approach what can seem an overwhelming experience. Investigating how poets have treated Rome in all of Shelley's categories, we will visit sites of many poems to examine the ways poetic and religious pilgrimages intertwine and challenge each other. Robert Browning, Thom Gunn, Heather McHugh, and Moira Egan are some of the other poets we will read.

**Elizabeth Hadaway** is an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Western New York. Her first book, *Fire Baton* (University of Arkansas, 2006) won the 2007 Library of Virginia award for poetry. She has work both recent and forthcoming in *The Journal of Inklings Studies* and her essay "Poet, Priest, and Poor White Trash" appears in *Appalachian Reckoning* (West Virginia University, 2019), a collection of responses to *Hillbilly Elegy*. Her poems are published in *Poetry*, *Anglican Theological Review*, *Aethlon: A Journal of Sports Literature*, and other venues; her verse play *The Prophets at Joppa* was produced in the Dioceses of Maryland and West Virginia. Writing under the name Leigh Palmer, she held a Wallace Stegner Fellowship at Stanford University and a Randall Jarrell Fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, where she earned an MFA in Creative Writing. Her BA and MA in English are from the University of Virginia, and her MTS and Diploma in Anglican Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. Winner of a Walter Dakin Fellowship and a Tennessee Williams Scholarship at the Sewanee Writers' Workshop, she translated Jules Laforgue for H.T. Kirby-Smith's *Origins of Free Verse* (University of Michigan, 1996).



## Virgins and Free Women: the Christian Women of Rome

Sunday 9 June 2019  
to Friday 14 June 2019

This course argues for the foundational role of the women leaders and martyrs of the Church in Rome. It will examine classical conceptions of gender and the rights of women in the Roman Empire, before situating early Christianity within its social and cultural context. We will explore the particular role played by the women martyrs of Rome, reflecting on their legacy to the first centuries of the church's experience. We will examine how the conversion of Constantine indirectly changed women's roles within the church, and we will explore how the actions of women and conceptions of gender and sexuality colour the complex early history of monasticism. Over the duration of the course, we will visit many of the churches in Rome dedicated to these early Christian women martyrs, saints, and mystics.

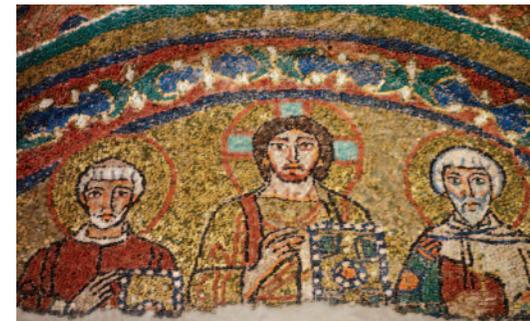
**Dr Hannah Matis** is an assistant professor of church history at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia. She is a historian of the late antique world and the early medieval church.



## Angles and Anglicans

Sunday 8 September 2019  
to Friday 13 September 2019

What are the Anglican roots in Roman soil? How can we understand the foundation and flourishing of Christianity in England, the growth of the Church of England, and the development of the Anglican Communion through the ministries of St Gregory, St Augustine, St Benedict and Theodore of Tarsus. Visiting the monastery of Gregory and Benedict at Subiaco, the abbey at Tre Fontane, and the ancient basilicas of Rome, we will understand our place in the great river of Western Christianity.



## To Rome, Together

Sunday 22 September 2019  
to Friday 27 September 2019

What does the place and faith of Rome say to those Christians who share a marriage and a faith, but come from different denominations? How do we remain true to our denominations, and the teachings of our churches, and at the same time, express the love and service required of us in marriage. With experts in marriage preparation and marriage flourishing, and in the places of holiness and commitment we find in Rome, we will be strengthened and renewed in our marriages and homes.

## "First see, then write, then send": the Doctors of the Church and Christian mission

Sunday 3 November 2019  
to Friday 8 November 2019

What can we learn about the mission and ministry of the Church from the examples and lives of the Doctors of the Church? Studying the legacy and lives of Augustine of Hippo, St Ambrose, St Jerome, St Thomas Aquinas, and St Catherine of Siena, we will learn more about how the prayers and thinking of our ancestors in the faith addresses the questions and problems of our own day.



## Power, Politics, and Christendom

Sunday 17 November 2019

How should Christians treat the secular powers? The course presents a critical history of the interaction between Christianity and secular power, examining how economics, politics, war, and theology all contributed to the place of Christianity in the world today. As Christianity, for so long associated with the secular state of the west, begins to understand its role in the whole, post-colonial, world today, what can we learn from the traditions of prophetic witness and accommodation in Christian teaching? We are pleased that the **Revd Canon Professor Oliver O'Donovan** (Emeritus Professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology, University of Edinburgh and Honorary Professor, School of Divinity, University of St Andrews) will be joining us for part of the course, and lecturing on the role and importance of St Augustine for understanding the relationship between church and state.