

Nicholas Breakspear
Adrian IV
His World and his Legacy

Saturday 15th July 2000

JAMES CORBETT

The original driving force behind this conference was James Corbett, a well known St Albans historian. James sadly died during the planning stages; the organisers acknowledge that the idea of a Breakspear conference would never have got off the ground without his boundless enthusiasm and energy, and that the conference will be the less without his presence. May he rest in peace.

HISTORIC ST ALBANS

Twelfth-century St Albans was a modest town, clustered around the market established two centuries before; today's market still occupies the same site. By contrast, the twelfth-century Abbey was fast becoming one of the leading religious houses in the country, with a growing reputation as an outstanding centre for learning and the arts.

Closely linked to the Abbey was St Albans School. This stood in Fishpool Street, more or less opposite its present site, and was probably where the young Nicholas Breakspear was educated. Today's school is adjacent to the Great Gatehouse to the Abbey, built in the later fourteenth century, after an earlier gatehouse had been blown down in a storm. Apart from the Abbey, the Gatehouse is the only building surviving from the medieval monastery, and the School forms a unique and fitting venue for the conference.

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A Millennial celebration of the life and times of the only English Pope, to commemorate the 900th anniversary of his birth

ARRANGED BY

The Newman Association
St Albans Christian Study Centre
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St Albans and Hertfordshire
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ENQUIRIES AND BOOKINGS

Enquiries to Peter Brindley, Secretary, Herts Circle of the Newman Association, 129 Verulam Road, St Albans Herts AL3 4DL. Tel 01727-863422; e-mail 106515.3651@compuserve.com

Bookings on the form on this leaflet to Brenda Bolton, The Ecclesiastical History Society, 8 Watling Street, St Albans Herts AL1 2PT. Tel 01727-861170

Details of overnight accommodation in the St Albans area are available on the local council's web site - <http://www.stalbans.gov.uk>; or from the English Tourist Board on <http://www.visitbritain.com>

All bookings will be acknowledged with travel instructions and a map of St Albans showing the location of the School, car parks and the railway station.



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A one day conference
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Followed by Vespers
of his time
in St Albans Abbey

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A one-day Conference to provide a Millennial celebration of the life and work of Nicholas Breakspeare, born c. 1100 at Abbots Langley Hertfordshire; rejected for the novitiate by the Benedictine community of St Albans; Augustinian canon of St Ruf at Avignon; papal legate to Scandinavia; and, from 1154 to 1159, the only English Pope to date.

The celebration will be in two parts. From 9.45 to 3.30, a distinguished panel of speakers will introduce delegates to the life and work of Nicholas Breakspeare / Pope Adrian IV in the context of the Europe of his day.

At 3.30, delegates will proceed to St Albans Abbey, where the Saturday Evensong will be Solemn Vespers for the feast of the Translation of St Swithun (the day of the Conference coinciding with this feast) in the style in which it might have been sung in St Albans in the twelfth century; a realisation by Dr Mary Berry with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge.

DATE: Saturday 15th July, 2000

VENUE: St Albans School, Romeland, St Albans

FEE: £22, to include morning coffee and conference lunch

The conference organisers are grateful to St Albans District Council, The University of Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire County Council, the Newman Centre Trust and the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge for their generous support in enabling a realisation of twelfth-century Vespers, and to the Dean and Chapter of St Albans Abbey for agreeing to Vespers in honour of Nicholas Breakspeare.

PROGRAMME

- 9.15 Registration
- 9.35 Welcome and introduction
- 9.45 *The devotional world of twelfth-century Europeans* - Professor Jonathan Riley-Smith
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 *Nicholas Breakspeare's Scandinavian Mission* - Canon Anders Bergquist
Adrian IV - a reforming Pope? - Dr Anne Duggan
- 12.30 Conference lunch
- 2.00 *Adrian IV and the Roman Commune* - Dr Susan Twyman
The legacy of Adrian IV - through the eyes of Matthew Paris and others - Brenda Bolton
- 3.30 Delegates proceed to St Albans Abbey for Vespers
- 4.00 Solemn Vespers for the feast of the Translation of St Swithun as the service might have been sung in the time of Nicholas Breakspeare in St Albans Abbey
A realisation by Dr Mary Berry and the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. *Dr Berry will give a brief introduction for those unfamiliar with Latin Vespers.*
- 4.45 Close of conference

Speakers:

Jonathan Riley Smith, Dixie Professor of Ecclesiastical History in the University of Cambridge

Canon Anders Bergquist, St Albans Abbey

Dr Anne Duggan, Senior Lecturer, King's College London

Dr Susan Twyman, University of London

Brenda Bolton, University of London

Dr Mary Berry, founder and director of the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge

CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

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I/we wish to attend the conference and enclose a cheque for..... (£22 per person) payable to *The Newman Breakspeare Conference a/c*. Sterling cheques or drafts only, please

Note:

1 *If your booking and cheque covers other delegates, please supply their names on a separate sheet*

2 *Please indicate by covering letter if you or any of your party have special dietary requirements*

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If you would like details of accommodation in the St Albans area to be sent to you, please tick the box ☐

Details of some accommodation can be found on the St Albans website www.stalbans.gov.uk or from the English Tourist Board at www.visitbritain.com

The conference organisers regret that they are unable to arrange accommodation itself

Please return with payment by 1st July to

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Overseas delegates only: it may be possible to arrange payment by credit or debit card, subject to volume and a surcharge. If you would like this facility if available, please contact Brenda Bolton at the above address or by telephone to +44-727-861170