



Programme for October – December 2025

(no previous study required!)

Origen - The Pursuit of the Beautiful Word

Tickets £5 / £25

Saturday 4th October 2025 - 10am to 4pm

An introduction to the life & work of Origen (c. 185 - 254 AD) an ascetic scholar, teacher, priest, apologist, theological trouble-shooter and prolific author. Arguably the most influential figure in the early Church between St Paul and St Augustine. So why have you heard little or nothing of him? Especially his beautiful interpretation of the *Song of Songs*.



Reading Group - Origen

Mondays from 6th Oct to 17th Nov 2025 - 6:30 to 8pm

FREE!

“Devote yourself above all to the reading of the divine Scriptures” instructed Origen. We’ll follow his advice and watch him at work as he scrutinises every single word for its spiritual significance as we read through the following texts together - *On First Principles* (Book 4), *Homily 27 on Numbers* and his two *Homilies on the Song of Songs*.



The Fourth Century Formation of the Doctrine of the Trinity

Saturday 8th November 2025 - 10am to 4pm

FREE!

“Begotten not made, of one being with the Father”... is a crucial but perplexing phrase in the Nicene Creed. What does it mean, why was it so important (and controversial) and how did we end up with the doctrine of the Trinity? The answers are to be found in the heated 4th century debate which we’ll study with the help of some key source texts as well as the output from the Councils of Nicaea (325 AD) and Constantinople (381 AD).



St Athanasius - The Achievements of the Incarnation

Tickets £5 / £25

Saturday 29th November 2025 - 10am to 4pm

An introduction to the life & work of St Athanasius (c. 295 - 373 AD), a key player in the 4th century formation of the doctrine of the Trinity. For Athanasius the Trinity is not an abstract concept but rather a (theo)logical necessity based on his understanding of salvation as physically rooted in the Incarnation with its innumerable achievements.



Reading Group - “On the Incarnation” by St Athanasius

Tickets £5 / £25

ONLINE - Mondays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December 2025 - 6:30 to 8pm

A reading group for Advent 2025 meeting **ONLINE** to work through the classic text “On the Incarnation” by St Athanasius, examining the event & implications of the Incarnation through the eyes of this key fourth century theologian and sharing our inspiration as we go. Your perspective on salvation may never be the same again...



All events (except for the online Reading Group) @ Pusey House, Oxford, OX1 3LZ

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