

SHREWSBURY ABBEY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SHROPSHIRE SCRIBES PRESENT A LECTURE AND CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION

8TH BIENNIAL MANUSCRIPT LECTURE

Saturday 18th September 2021 at 2.00pm

1.30pm, Organ recital prior to the lecture,

There will be an opportunity to hear organ music played by Roger Firman, from Hereford, on the newly restored organ, with Hill's 1911 specification now completed.

2.00pm, Manuscript Lecture:

Words to be seen and images to be read: the forms and functions of medieval manuscript illumination.

By Professor Michelle Brown



Michelle is one of the leading experts in the field of Medieval Manuscripts and was formerly the Curator of Illuminated Manuscripts at the British Library and Professor of Manuscript Studies at the University of London. She has written many books on the subject, has broadcast widely and now teaches and lectures to worldwide audiences.

She has an engaging lecturing style suitable for a wide range of audiences, and presents her topic with good humour and fascinating detail.

The illustrated lecture will look at the various purposes and styles of manuscript illumination, setting it within the wider historical and cultural context and its relationship to architecture, sculpture, metal work and stained glass. She will include references to manuscripts associated with Shrewsbury and vicinity, including the historical works of Orderic Vitalis, the boy prodigy of Shrewsbury Abbey, born in Shropshire in 1075, who chronicled the Norman takeover of Britain.

Ticket purchase:

Ticket Cost: £10

Tickets are available through Eventbrite at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/145252864227>

Or by post: Send stamped addressed envelope and cheque payable to 'Shrewsbury Abbey'

To: Shrewsbury Abbey, (Manuscript Lecture), Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY2 6BS

CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION: *Hands Across the Centuries and The Natural World*

September 3 to September 19. Opening times 10.00am to 4.00pm

This exhibition of calligraphy will be the culmination of the Shropshire Scribes



exhibition season during 2021. Work from 'Hands across the Centuries' an exhibition held earlier in the year in Hereford Cathedral Chained library. Comparing present day calligraphy with images of medieval manuscripts which inspired it. Together with 'The Natural World', an exhibition at Bear Steps in August displaying calligraphy taking its inspiration from various aspects of nature.

(Thanks to Hereford Cathedral for the image)

All events to take place at Shrewsbury Abbey, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6BS

Abbey website address:

<https://www.shrewsburyabbey.com/events/>

The Natural World – Autumn Flower Festival 2021

10 to 13 September 2021. Opening times 10.00am to 4.00pm



Shrewsbury Abbey 25 Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury

The Shrewsbury Flower Club are presenting "The Natural World Festival" - a stunning display of floral arrangements and installations Refreshments will be available on Friday and Saturday. Donations gratefully received for Entry Shrewsbury Flower Club

