

# St Aldhelm



## Day

Malmesbury Abbey

Mon. 6th April 2020

10:00am to 4pm

**Ever wondered what it was like  
to be a monk or nun in the 7th Century?**

Come to an entertaining, informative, *enjoyable day of workshops immersed in the world of St Aldhelm:*

- **Sing the monastic hour services**
- **Learn about St Aldhelm's times and Riddles**
- **Explore your creativity inspired by his life & work.**

**Tickets £15**

Information & Registration

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## **9.30 am REGISTRATION, COFFEE, LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS**

### **9:45 am WELCOME**

### **10:00am (prompt start please): HOLY WEEK CHANT EXPERIENCE**

We begin with hear-and-respond repetitions, a brief look at Gregorian notation, then recite a short yet complete Monastic service for the Third Hour.

**After a refreshment break at 11am** we work with music in honour of St Aldhelm and with music for Holy Week, giving an insight into the historical traditions used in the original Malmesbury Abbey services.

**We conclude with the midday Office of Sext at 12:45pm.**

**TUTOR:** John Rowlands-Pritchard is an Associate of the Royal School of Church Music for his work teaching the chant. He has recently worked for Glastonbury Abbey, Worcester Three Choirs Festival, Benslow Music, Sarum College, Two Moors Festival, with the Benedictine monks of Silverstream Priory Co.Meath Ireland, Dorchester Arts, and Ledbury Poetry Festival.

### **1pm to 2pm LUNCH BREAK- OPTIONS FOR LUNCH:**

- Lunch can be ordered ahead of time from the Abbey Cafe menu.
- Bring your own packed lunch to eat in the Abbey.
- Go out into the town to one of the many eateries.

## **AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS**

### **2:00 pm Opening Chant**

### **2:15 pm Short Introduction to Historical Context**

**2:30 pm The Aldhelm Riddles** A presentation on Aldhelm the poet, exploring some of the Riddles and encouraging contemporary poetic interpretation of the form. **LEADER:** Olive Malcolm has an MA Honours degree in English Language and Literature from the University of St Andrews and taught English for a number of years.

### **3:00 pm Creative Session inspired by St Aldhelm's Riddles**

Participants will be guided through options to explore their own creativity in riddles, poetry, prose, or colour or in contemplation using the Abbey spaces and Labyrinth. **LEADER:** Anne Cox has a degree in Creative Arts for Health and has worked with hospices, refugee centres and the Alzheimer's Society.

### **3:30 pm Plenary**

### **3:45 pm Closing Chant**

### **4:00 pm Close**

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