**Call for Papers**

**Music and Reformation: A Symposium at Lambeth Palace Library, 16 September 2025**

To accompany our upcoming exhibition *Sing Joyfully: Exploring Music in Lambeth Palace Library*, Lambeth Palace Library will be hosting a symposium on the subject of **Music and Reformation**. The symposium forms part of Lambeth Palace Library’s celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Arundel Choirbook (Lambeth Palace Library MS 1), a volume which has been held by the Library since the 17th century. Among other themes, we will foster discussion around music fragments recently discovered and identified in library collections.

The symposium will be a space for researchers, music practitioners and library and archive professionals to share knowledge and experience across professional fields.

We welcome proposals from people at all career stages, and from professional and amateur practice.

**Themes**

Themes might include:

* Change and continuity in 16th century music in the British Isles
* Music and the Book of Common Prayer
* Chant in services, pre- and post-reformation
* Setting the psalms in the Church of England
* Polyphony in English church music, pre- and post-reformation
* Fragments of music in printed books
* Reformation-era music in the British Isles beyond the Church of England

**Format**

The day will include a variety of session formats. We invite you to specify the length of proposed talks (10, 20 or 30 minutes, or panel discussions).

Applicants can propose an individual presentation or suggest a themed session or roundtable.

We also welcome proposals for presentations in formats other than conventional papers, if relevant.

Applicants are requested to submit an abstract of 300 words to [LPLStaff@churchofengland.org](mailto:LPLStaff@churchofengland.org) with the subject line: ‘Music and Reformation proposal’. Questions about the symposium can be addressed in the same way.

Speakers are asked to attend in person. Sessions will be streamed online for those unable to attend in person.

There will be time in the course of the day to visit the free exhibition *Sing Joyfully: Exploring Music in Lambeth Palace Library*.

**Accessibility**

We are committed to ensuring that our symposium is accessible to all participants. If you have any specific accessibility needs or require accommodations, please contact us at [LPLStaff@churchofengland.org](mailto:LPLStaff@churchofengland.org). We will make every effort to provide the necessary support to ensure your full participation in the event.

Proposals by: 9 May 2025

Acceptances by: 13 June 2025

Symposium: 16 September, Lambeth Palace Library, 10:00-16:30

Venue: Lambeth Palace Library, 15 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7JT

Refreshments: lunch and refreshments will be provided

**Costs**

Full fee: £20

Student/Unwaged: £10

We have a small number of bursaries available for travel within the UK and registration fee. Please contact us if you would like to request a bursary.

**Acknowledgements**

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