

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The next meeting of the Society will be held in the Armagh Public Library, Saturday 23 April 2016.

The library is located at the northwest entrance gate to the Church of Ireland Cathedral.

PROGRAMME

- 10.30am** Coffee and registration
- 11am** **Ms Valerie Adams**, 'Exploring Church of Ireland records held in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland'
- 12pm** **Mr Ruairí Cullen**, 'George T. Stokes and the oriental origins of Irish Christianity' [Research Paper]
- 12.45pm** Lunch
- 2pm** **Dr Jane McKee**, 'Peter Drelincourt (1644-1722): his Huguenot background and early career in Ireland'
- 3pm** **Mr Colin Armstrong**, 'A Laudian in Ulster: the Irish career of Bishop Jeremy Taylor, 1658-67'

Speakers:

- **Ms Valerie Adams** is librarian and archivist at the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland. She worked at PRONI for 37 years, latterly in a senior management capacity. She edited the Deputy Keeper's Reports for many years and compiled the *Guide to Church Records* which is a vital finding aid for family, local and academic historians. Her current interests are estate and church records.
- **Mr Ruairí Cullen** has degrees from University of York and University College London. He is now a doctoral student at Queen's University, Belfast. His thesis examines approaches to and interpretations of Ireland's medieval past (from St Patrick to the Tudors) in the decades leading up to independence. His research is funded by the Department of Employment and Learning at QUB.
- **Dr Jane McKee** was senior lecturer in French at the University of Ulster before her retirement recently. Her main research interests focus on the Huguenots, particularly the Drelincourt family. She co-edited *The Huguenots: France, exile and diaspora* (Brighton, 2013) and is currently completing an edition of the correspondence of five members of the Drelincourt family.
- **Colin Armstrong** is a visiting research associate at the School of History and Anthropology, Queen's University, Belfast. He holds a MA (Cantab.) and has contributed to the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. He co-wrote an article for *Historical Research* and reviews for *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* and *English Historical Review*. He is working on a biography of Jeremy Taylor.

Registration:

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Queries may be either addressed to the honorary secretary, Dr Adrian Empey, by email at: secretary.coihs@gmail.com or visit the society's website: <http://churchofirelandhist.org/>

The Church of Ireland Historical Society meets twice a year: in the Public Library, Armagh, in April, and in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, in November. It exists to promote scholarly interest in the history of the Church, and to facilitate publication.