

FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY

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MEMORIAL LECTURE

Saturday 18 March 2023 2.30 pm

St James' RC Church, Forbury Road, RG1 3FD

The Medieval Pilgrimage Experience:
Arrival, Destination and Engagement

Dr Jamie Ingram

The talk explores some of the historic and archaeological evidence for the pilgrimage experience, with focus on the arrival of the medieval pilgrim at a pilgrimage centre and potential methods of personal engagement with the divine there, using the presence and distribution of graffiti and what this can say about the pilgrims' movement and engagement with space and the divine at the site.

Jamie Ingram is a doctor of medieval archaeology, affiliated to the University of Southampton and Hampshire Historic Graffiti Survey and is an expert in

the study of historic graffiti, its interpretation, and what it can tell us about the experience of lay worshipers within pilgrim destinations.



Graffiti mark, St Cross, Winchester

St James's RC Church is next to Reading Gaol, in the Abbey Precinct. It will be open from 2.00pm. Free entry, with a voluntary retiring collection.