

Events 2017

Thurs 21st - Sat 23rd
Putting the End of the World in Perspective
2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's challenge to the Church of Rome. It also symbolises the end of the Protestant era and the start of 'Here We Go' inter-spirituality and fluid faith. Michael Christensen explores the 'new thing' that God is doing, across all religions.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

OCTOBER

Mon 2nd - Wed 4th
There is a Message for You in Reception
Most people are aware that Milton rewrote the opening chapters of Genesis in *Paradise Lost* and many have read Ben Elton's comic dystopian novel *This Other Eden*. These works are just the tip of the iceberg. Anthony Swindell provides an introductory map to a field of study which can transform our understanding of what the Bible 'means'.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

NOVEMBER

Sat 4th - Sun 5th
Hearth
Four of the best contemporary writers talk about their work around the fireside. A perfect autumn weekend!
Individual tickets £12, Day Tickets £32.50, Weekend Tickets £55.

Sun 5th - Fri 10th
Focus on Short Fiction
The short story: So hard to get right yet so rewarding when you do. Join novelist, poet and writer Vanessa Gebbie for five days of busy and focussed creative expression during which you'll analyse published works, debate craft issues and work on your own writing every day.
*Residential from £500, non-residential £360.**

Sat 18th - Sun 19th
Liberal Islam
Speaking as an 'average Muslim', Zia Chaudhry answers questions about Islam today and offers a liberal view of the religion. An opportunity to dispel the disinformation and misinformation about Islam.
*Residential from £110, non-residential £80.**



DECEMBER

From Fri 1st
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Afternoon Tea Served

Sun 3rd
Christmas Craft Fair
Choose the perfect Christmas gift from a wide range of handmade crafts by local designers and craftspeople. Plus our very own bookshop, *Gladbooks!*
Free entry. 10.30am - 4pm.

Mon 11th - Wed 13th
Film and Theology
An opportunity to consider some classic and contemporary films from a theological perspective - observing their world-view and the values they promote. Including *I, Daniel Blake*, *Notes on Blindness* and *The Witch* amongst others. Every film shown is award-winning and critically acclaimed.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

* Discount rates for clergy and students apply.

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GLADFEST AND HEARTH, OUR POPULAR LITERARY FESTIVALS, RETURN FOR ANOTHER YEAR ALONG WITH OUR NEWEST FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY, DEMFEST. PLUS THERE'S A SUPERB PROGRAMME OF WRITERS IN RESIDENCE FOR 2017 AND A VARIETY OF SPECIAL AUTHOR-LED EVENTS.

READ ON TO FIND OUT WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED INSIDE OUR BEAUTIFUL BOOK-LINED WALLS.

Calendar of Events 2017

JANUARY

Mon 2nd
Writer in Residence Submission Opens
Now into its seventh year, our prestigious Writer in Residence scheme has previously welcomed authors including Amy Liptrot, Jessie Burton and Melissa Harrison. The Library is looking for writers and political writers to take up residence here in 2018 - could you be one of them? Submission closes 31st May.
Please visit our website for submission rules and further details.

Tues 10th
Into the Wilderness
An evening with Writer in Residence William Atkins. Join our first Writer in Residence of 2017 on an illustrated journey into the concept of wilderness, from Exodus and the Desert Fathers to the European Romantics and the American conservation movement, with reference to his own experiences in the world's deserts.
Tickets £15, includes a copy of The Moor. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Sat 28th
Writing the Wild
A masterclass with Writer in Residence William Atkins. Drawing on both the library's collections and its immediate natural environment, think about and discuss how 'wild' places might exist on the page, and how to develop your own written responses to 'non-human' environments in the form of fiction, nature writing or travel writing.
Tickets £35, includes lunch and tea / coffee. 10am.

Sun 29th
Sufism: A Way of Life not a Religion
Sufism is not a system of beliefs and does not care for concepts; it can only be found, says Muriel Maufroy, through experiencing its fragrance. Join Muriel to taste the essence of Sufism.
Tickets £10, includes tea / coffee. 2.30pm.

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FEBRUARY

Sat 4th - Sun 5th **Hearth**
Gather around our warming fireside for a weekend of talks and discussion with some of the best new voices in British fiction: Antonia Honeywell, Caroline Brothers, Julia Forster and Malachy Tallack.
Individual tickets £12, Day Tickets £32.50, Weekend Tickets £55.

Sat 11th **Understanding Rare Books and the Collections at Gladstone's Library**
Join our librarian, Gary Butler, to explore the meaning, value and history of the rare book through items held in our collections. Accompanied by a display of books, illustrating the beauty, diversity, and resilience of the printed word.
Tickets £8, 7.30pm for 8pm.

MARCH

Sat 4th **Stories in Verse: Narrative Poetry Masterclass**
In this practical writing workshop, poet Ian Parks will suggest ways in which stories can be told through poetry. Arrive with a blank page and go home with a narrative poem or two.
Tickets £35, includes lunch and tea / coffee. 10am.

Fri 31st - Sun 2nd Apr **Sin, Sex and Salvation: Perspectives on Art and Faith**
Images - often conflicting - of sin, sex and salvation are a rich seam running through both Christian tradition and the history of art. Join Deborah Lewer to explore visual art from the Middle Ages to the present day.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

APRIL

Tues 4th **The Power of the Sidekick**
An evening with Writer in Residence Rowan Hisayo Buchanan. Join Rowan as she looks to the side of the protagonist, where the sidekick usually stands. Narrators, foils, love interests and more; Rowan will explore the power of sidekicks and how they enhance literary works.
Tickets £15, includes a copy of Harmless Like You. 7.30pm for 8pm.



Sat 15th **Easter Craft Fair**
Peruse a selection of handmade offerings lovingly created by local craftspeople and artists. Plus our *Gladbooks* bookstall!
Free entry. 10.30am - 4pm.

Sat 29th **Illuminating Companions: Writing Animals**
A masterclass with Writer in Residence Rowan Hisayo Buchanan. They might be thought of as a staple of children's literature, but animals are as much at home in Chekov and Steinbeck as they are in Beatrix Potter and C.S. Lewis. Explore how animals in fiction can illuminate their human companions.
Tickets £35, includes lunch and tea / coffee. 10am.

Sat 29th - Sun 30th **Remembering Slavery**
In 1834 Britain abolished slavery, a defining and celebrated moment in our national history. What has been largely forgotten is that the government compensated slave owners £17billion (in today's money) for their loss of 'property' whilst emancipated slaves received nothing. Nicholas Draper reminds us of the price paid for abolition.
*Residential from £110, non-residential £80.**

MAY

Tues 9th **The Day Parliament Burned Down**
An evening with Political Writer in Residence Caroline Shenton. The old Houses of Parliament were largely destroyed in the fire of 1834. Caroline's gripping account won the inaugural Political Book of the Year Award and her illustrated talk discusses both the blaze and its aftermath.
Tickets £15, includes a copy of The Day Parliament Burned Down. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Thurs 18th - Sat 20th **Above us Only Sky**
For millions the patriarch of Heaven is dead, and violence in the name of a deity that has been conscripted for every cause and conflict must be replaced by what Barbara Brown Taylor called 'The Luminous Web'. This requires new ways to worship, pray, and be faithful in the world. Atheists are coming out of the closet, including this clergyman, Robin Meyers.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150. Includes free entry to the public lecture.**

Sat 20th **Above us Only Sky: God as The Luminous Web A Public Lecture with Robin Meyers**
Organised religion is not only in crisis because it is perceived as irrelevant and its adherents hypocritical, but because the language of faith posits a God that no longer makes sense in the age of science, or is deadly in its partisan logic. Robin Meyers considers.
Tickets £10, includes tea / coffee before the lecture. 11.15am.

Fri 26th - Sun 28th **Building a Sustainably Creative Life**
Michael Nobbs believes that the secret to creative success and a happier life is to pick one simple thing to focus on and to stick with it through life's inevitable ups and downs. Explore this concept of 'Important Work' and identify where to focus your time and energy to build your own sustainably creative life.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

Sat 27th **Stories or Histories? Using Archives for Creative Non-Fiction**
A masterclass with Political Writer in Residence Caroline Shenton. How can you tell a factual story without it becoming 'just one damn thing after another'? In this masterclass writer, archivist and historian Caroline Shenton considers the perils and pleasure of using original sources creatively.
Tickets £35, includes lunch and tea / coffee. 10am.

JUNE

Fri 2nd - Sat 3rd **Demfest**
A mini-festival considering democracy as an everyday process in the UK. Suitable for young adults and older audiences alike, with key political figures to be announced.
Tickets £6 per event.



Fri 9th - Sun 11th **Alibis in the Archive**
To celebrate the launch of a new 'Crime Writing' archive here at Gladstone's Library, we're delighted that the Crime Writers Association have joined with us to gather together the authors of some of the UK's finest crime fiction. An unmissable weekend!
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

Tues 13th **The End of Europe**
An evening with our second Political Writer in Residence of 2017, James Kirchick. James argues that though Europe was once the world's bastion of liberal, democratic values, it is now having to confront demons it thought it had laid to rest. Join him to examine a continent in crisis.
Tickets £15, includes a copy of The End of Europe. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Mon 26th - Fri 30th **Genesis Redux - Divergent Readings**
Feminist Bible scholar Lyn Bechtel looks at three truly shocking stories from Genesis (Lot and his daughters, Dinah and Schechem, Tamar and Judah) and reveals their true meaning.
*Residential from £410, non-residential £290.**

Fri 30th - Sun 2nd Jul **Personal Idealism and the Christian Faith**
Greek philosophy shaped traditional Christian doctrines. But we now understand the world in a very different way. How will this change Christianity? Can traditional Christian faith survive? What might it look like? Keith Ward explores.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

JULY

Mon 3rd **Founder's Day: Annual Gladstone Lecture**
One of the most prestigious dates in the Gladstone's Library calendar. With guest speakers to be announced. Priority booking for Friends opens 1st May.



Tues 4th - Thurs 6th **Fierce Imaginings - The Great War: Symbol, Memory and God**
The Great War was a cultural, theological and human catastrophe. Drawing on poetry, history, family memoir and the iconography of remembrance, Rachel Mann offers an opportunity to examine the Great War's lasting impact on British and European identities in the shadow of the Brexit Referendum.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

Fri 14th - Sun 16th **Gladstone Umbrella**
Whether you've grown up with a love of history and Victoriana or you're an academic with a penchant for the Grand Old Man, the Gladstone Umbrella is for you. Offers of papers should be sent to d.r.brooks@qmul.ac.uk.
*Residential from £215, non-residential £150.**

Tues 18th **The French Revolution**
An evening with Writer in Residence Ruth Scurr. Ruth's history of the French Revolution was praised by Hilary Mantel as 'the calmest and least abusive history of the Revolution you will ever read'. Join the author and historian as she explores this fascinating subject.
Tickets £15, includes a copy of Ruth's latest book. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Mon 24th - Fri 28th **Apocalypse Then and Now!**
Kalyan Dey returns to look at the most controversial and misunderstood book of the New Testament - the Book of Revelation. Kalyan will attempt to liberate this fascinating book from its many crude and frightening misinterpretations.
*Residential from £410, non-residential £290.**

Fri 28th - Sat 29th **A Masterclass with Katherine Angel**
Katherine Angel (*Unmastered: A Book on Desire, Most Difficult to Tell*), looks at the practice of first-person writing and memoir. How can you write well from your own life? What are the strategies and techniques for good first-person writing? What are the risks involved?
*Residential from £110, non-residential £80.**

Sat 29th **Writing a Life: A Masterclass on Biography**
A masterclass with Writer in Residence Ruth Scurr (*John Aubrey: My Own Life*). Ruth helps aspiring biographers, historians and students of life-writing with what she calls 'the freest form of historical writing'. Using examples from historical biography, learn how to write compelling life stories.
Tickets £35, includes lunch and tea / coffee. 10am.

Mon 31st - Sun 6th Aug **Greek in a Week**
Kalyan Dey teaches New Testament Greek in a week. Come having familiarised yourself with the Greek alphabet and he will guide you from there.
*Residential from £590, non-residential £430.**

AUGUST

Tues 8th **Poetry and Politics**
A reading and poetry slam with Writer in Residence Penny Boxall. Penny will read a selection of work produced in times of political upheaval, both historical and contemporary, before the first ever poetry slam at Gladstone's Library with the chance to get creative yourself or use your democratic right to vote for the winner!
Tickets £15, includes a copy of Ship of the Line. 7.30pm for 8pm. Fancy taking part? Email lousia.yates@gladlib.org.



Mon 7th - Sun 13th **Hebrew in a Week**
Learn the Hebrew alphabet before you arrive and Lyn Bechtel will gently and discursively guide you through the rest of the week.
*Residential from £590, non-residential £430.**

Mon 14th - Sun 20th **Latin in a Week**
Whether you learned Latin at school - or perhaps just wish you had - Robert Parker's great enthusiasm and skill will teach you the rudiments of Latin in a week.
*Residential from £590, non-residential £430.**

Mon 21st - Sun 27th **Welsh in a Week**
Arrive with little or no knowledge of Welsh and Julie Brake will ensure you leave at the end of the week being able to carry on a conversation in Welsh.
*Residential from £590, non-residential £430.**

Sat 26th **Reformation to Reform**
A masterclass with Writer in Residence Penny Boxall. Using historical material as a guide, including poems written between the English Reformation and the Reform Act, write your own original poems and refine previous drafts.
Tickets £35, includes lunch and tea / coffee. 10am.

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1st - Sun 3rd **Gladfest**
Each year it gets better and better! Come and enjoy our fifth summer literary festival - it's 'Gladfab' as someone exclaimed! Lineup announced 2nd May.
Priority booking for Friends opens 3rd May.

Mon 4th - Fri 8th **Latin Second Steps**
Aimed at those who have completed *Latin in a Week* or who have knowledge of Latin to GCSE standard. Read and understand extracts from the poets, comic playwrights and prose writers of Classical Latin literature.
*Residential from £410, non-residential £290.**