

THE HOUSLEY LECTURES IN MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN HISTORY

'A Treasury of Heavenly Things'

Extracting the Sacred from the 'Colonial' Kingdom of Jerusalem



Pilgrim graffiti in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem (Photo: W. Purkis)

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This lecture is linked to the AHRC-funded project Bearers of the Cross: Material Religion in the Crusading World, 1095–c.1300, in which Dr Purkis studied the lived, material religion of crusaders through a wide-ranging analysis of the texts, art, architecture and material culture associated with crusader belief. The project has explored the devotional worlds that those who 'took the cross' inhabited, examining the ritual practices crusaders observed, the religious objects and images they treasured, and the sacred spaces they shaped and were shaped by.

Attenborough Film Theatre Tuesday 12 June 2018 5.15pm - 6.30pm Followed by a drinks reception

This **FREE** lecture is open to graduates, students, staff and members of the public.