SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST AND HIS CULTS
A Colloquium at St John’s College, Oxford

Feast Day of St John the Baptist - Friday 24 June 2011

St John’s College New Seminar Room

10.30 am  Music I: ‘St John, Ancient & Modern’ and Opening Remarks

10.40  Mr. Michael Riordan: ‘St. John, the College and the Merchant Taylors Company: the source of the College's dedication to the Baptist’

11.00  Dr. Christopher Tyerman: ‘The Hospitallers: Knights of St John’

COFFEE BREAK


12.00  Prof. Geza Vermes: ‘St John the Baptist and the Jewish Tradition at Qumran’

12.20  Dr. Georges Kazan: ‘Relics of St John the Baptist – the Early Evidence’

LUNCH BREAK

2pm  Dr. Tom Higham, Dr. Rossina Kostova, Prof. Kazimir Popkonstantinov: ‘Relics of the Baptist: Scientific research planned for the finds excavated in Sozopol, Bulgaria in 2010 (Radiocarbon Dating, DNA testing)’

2.20  Dr. Sebastian Brock: ‘John the Baptist’s Diet in the Desert’

2.40  Music II: ‘St John, Ancient & Modern’

2.50  Dr. David Taylor: ‘The Syriac Baptism of St John: a Christian Ritual of Protection for Muslim Children’

3.10  Prof. Geert Jan van Gelder: ‘A Flood of Boiling Blood and a Talking Head: John the Baptist in the Islamic Sources’

TEA BREAK

3.50  Dr. Gervase Rosser: ‘The cult of St John the Baptist in Genoa’

4.20  Music III: ‘St John, Ancient & Modern’

4.30-5.20  Archaeological Film: ‘The Baptism of Jesus Christ: uncovering Bethany beyond the Jordan’

6pm  Sung Eucharist in St John’s College Chapel. All welcome.

Attendance is free but spaces are limited. To confirm attendance, please email georges.kazan@sjc.oxon.org