



## Course details

### Course title

History: Anglo-Saxon Culture 500-1100CE

### Course code

Q00020130

### Course date

Start: 14/01/25

End: 11/02/25

### Number of classes

5 sessions

### Timetable

Tue 14th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 21st Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 28th Jan, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 4th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

Tue 11th Feb, 10:30 to 12:30

### Branch

Enfield and Southgate

### Tutor

Laurie Johnston

### Fee range

Free to £60.00

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

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## **Venue**

Enfield Baptist Church (Enfield) (Enfiel  
Cecil Road  
Enfield  
EN2 6TG

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

A short (5 sessions) introduction to the range and complexity of Anglo-Saxon culture based upon selected survivals in the archaeological record ranging from exquisite, illuminated manuscripts to stunning portable timepieces. Each week we will concentrate on one theme/aspect of the Anglo-Saxon world and consider up to 5 objects from the time and use them to consider the Anglo-Saxons, their society and their legacy to us. There will also be extensive discussion of how difficult questions persist about the interpretation of the period and its survival in the archaeological record. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion and questions throughout.

## **Course description**

The course will cover five main themes/aspects:

1. Origins, Kingdoms, Kingdom – in this session we will consider how Anglo-Saxon England evolved from several smaller kingdoms and how that can be traced through from the archaeological record along on with much reflection on how contested the interpretations are
2. Language, learning, literature – in this session we consider the evidence for language from earliest times and the impacts of major factors such as religion and conquest on the evolution of the language. The survival of 1500 written records are a gift to students of history.
3. Science and medicine – science and medicine are maybe not the first things that leaps to mind when considering the early and mid-medieval world but we shall see that the Anglo-Saxons had much knowledge and skill in these disciplines including effective treatment for infection
4. Art and music – this session will consider the considerable legacy of artworks of different kinds in the record. Less obviously it will consider what we know of Anglo-Saxon music, its forms and uses
5. Conquests and landscapes – this concluding session will ask what impact the Norman Conquest of 1066 had on Anglo-Saxon culture. What was lost? What survives? Are we still speaking Anglo-Saxon?

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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