

*You are invited to the Spring Meeting of the*

FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY

# SPRING LECTURE

*Friday 15 April 2016 7.30 pm*

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, READING

## The Abbot in late Medieval and Reformation England

*Speaker:*

Dr Martin Heale, University Of Liverpool

**Dr Martin Heale** (PhD (Cantab) FRHS) is Senior Lecturer in Late Medieval History at the University of Liverpool and a native of Reading. His publications include *Monasticism in Late Medieval England, c.1300–1535* and *The Prelate in England and Europe, 1300–1560*. He is currently completing a book on *The Abbots and Priors of Late Medieval and Reformation England*, which will be published by Oxford University Press in 2016/17.



We are taking the lecture to St Laurence's this year to provide an opportunity for Friends, and other people attending, to visit and look around this late medieval church, which is part of the Abbey precinct and was founded by the Abbey as a place of worship for townspeople.

**Entry will be free**, but there will be a voluntary retiring collection to help cover the costs of hiring this important venue.

**The church will be open from 7.00pm.**

