

FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY
SPRING LECTURE

Friday 13 April 2018 7.30 pm

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, READING

'A Place Strongly Fortified'

The Civil War Siege of Reading

Speaker:

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Simon Marsh is the Research and Battlefield Threats Coordinator for the Battlefields Trust. He is a freelance researcher specializing in early-modern military history, particularly the British Civil Wars 1637-60.

Reading was occupied by the Royalist army in 1642 and successfully besieged by the Parliamentarians in 1643. The Royalist defences cut through the Abbey precinct, and they and the siege destroyed much of what was left of the Abbey structure.

We are holding the lecture in St Laurence again this year to provide an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful interior of 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 venue.

The church will be open from 7.00pm.