

*You are invited to the Spring Meeting of the*  
**FRIENDS OF READING ABBEY**

# **SPRING LECTURE**

*Friday 31 March 2017 7.30 pm*

**ST LAURENCE CHURCH, READING**

## **St Laurence Parish and Reading Abbey: Years of Crisis c1520-c1570**

*Speaker:*

Joan Dils,

Honorary Research Fellow in History,  
University of Reading

**Joan Dils** edited the churchwardens' accounts of St Laurence 1498-1570 for the Berkshire Record Society. This talk will address how the parish coped during the difficult period of the Reformation in Europe, England and Reading, using details from these records. She has produced as major study on the *History of Reading* which is currently with her publishers.

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.**

