

The Arts Society Cavendish Study Day

William Morris and Burne-Jones: Devoting their Lives to Art

By Dr Suzanne Fagence Cooper

This event will take place at the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale, DE4 2EQ on Wednesday 10th April 2019 between 10.00am and 3.00pm; the first lecture starts at 10.30am.

(Parking and Disabled parking and facilities are available)

The cost is £39 per person and will include coffee and a buffet lunch.

Using first-hand accounts from the artists and their friends, the first lecture shows how the William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones met in Oxford, and looks at their joint enthusiasm for Gothic art and architecture. It considers their relationship with slightly older figures, including the Pre-Raphaelites like Rossetti, and the art critic, John Ruskin. It highlights significant projects including the work for the Green Dining Room at the South Kensington Museum (now the V&A) which brought them to public attention. Suzanne Fagence Cooper then provides a survey of Morris's career as a maker, manager and poet.

The second lecture explores the paintings and stained glass productions of Edward Burne-Jones. It looks at favourite themes, including Arthurian legend, fairy tales, and Chaucer's poems, and charts the development of his works, from embroidery designs or tile paintings, to large-scale oil paintings.

The final lecture concentrates on the joint ventures created by Morris and Burne-Jones, particularly tapestries like the 'Holy Grail' series, and major stained glass commissions, including the 'Last Judgement' window for Birmingham Cathedral. It closes with an examination of their 'beautiful books' – from calligraphic experiments in the 1880s, to the masterpieces of the Kelmscott Press, with the extraordinary creation of the complete Kelmscott Chaucer. As William Morris insisted, 'My work is the embodiment of dreams'.

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