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2024 Series 6
23 October -20 November 2024

The Canterbury Tales: A Romp through the 14th Century

Dr Judith Coullie

The Canterbury Tales is considered Chaucer's masterpiece and is among the most important works of medieval literature. Its depiction of the different social classes of the 14th century as well as clothing worn, pastimes enjoyed and language.

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| 23 Oct | Background
We explore key events in this very turbulent period of English history: the battles for the English throne and the Black Death |
| 30 Oct | The Canterbury Tales
Why is this work considered to be so important? Chaucer's influences. |
| 6 Nov | The Nobility
We learn about the social hierarchy and about chivalry and courtly love. |
| 13 Nov | The Church
The Roman Catholic Church was extremely powerful in the 14 th Century. |
| 20 Nov | Ordinary Folk
The Wife of Bath's Tale is among the best known of the Canterbury Tales. It provides insight into the role of women in the Late Middle Ages. |

Admin:

- Meetings at St Mark's Presbyterian Church, 150 Withells Road, Avonhead.
- Do not park on Withells Road between the two entrances to the church carpark.
- Morning tea/coffee is served from 9.50am prior to the 10.30am lecture start.
- As a courtesy to our speakers and members please turn off your cell phone during the talk.

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