

The Barbara Pym Society

2010 North American Conference Program

Friday 19 March

This year, in the spirit of A Glass of Blessings, instead of having the conference dinner on Saturday night we will meet on Friday evening at the historic and very “high” Church of the Advent, 30 Brimmer Street (corner of Mount Vernon), Beacon Hill, Boston for the beautiful and quintessentially English service of Choral Evensong, with the conference dinner to follow at the church. Dinner is \$50 per person, and advance reservations are required. The evensong service is free and open to the public.

6:30 p.m. Solemn Evensong and Benediction featuring music of Gibbons, Victoria, Morales and Henry Ley

7:30 p.m. Conference Dinner at the church

All other conference activities will be held at Harvard University's Barker Center for the Humanities, 12 Quincy Street (corner of Harvard Street) in Harvard Square, Cambridge

Saturday 20 March

8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

10:00 Welcome: Tom Sopko, North American Organizer, and Clemence Schultze, BPS Chair

10:30 Speaker 1, Tim Burnett: “St Mary’s, St Luke’s and Great St Bart’s: High church in London, then and now”

11:15 Speaker 2, Yvonne Cocking: Title TBA

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Barker Center

1:00 Free time

2:00 Speaker 3, Dr. Eleonore Biber: “‘Celibacy of the clergy has always been *our* motto’: The clergy house in AGOB”

2:45 Speaker 4, Laura Shapiro and Sandra Goldstein: “Food and fashion in AGOB”

3:30 Tea Interval and Bring-and-Buy Sale

4:15 Group Discussion

5:00 Barbara Pym videos: *Tea with Miss Pym, Miss Pym’s Day Out, Out of the Wilderness*

7:30 Dinner in small groups

We will make reservations at several Harvard Square restaurants so that conference attendees who wish to can dine together on Saturday evening. Details will be provided when we receive your registration.

Sunday 21 March

9:15 Coffee and pastry

10:00 Speaker 5, Dr. Kristin Kelly: “Don’t get too comfortable: The pain of idleness under cover of sleek wealth”

10:45 Dramatized reading: The Mighty Pym Players

12:00 Conference adjourns

12:30 Brunch *Prix fixe* menu at the Sheraton Commander Hotel, Cambridge