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By far the easiest way to book a place on these courses is to use the online booking facility at the www.EarlyChurch.co.uk website. The website shows full details of the courses, and the online booking facility ensures that the administration overheads are minimal – please use it if possible!

To book a place using the website, you simply need to select the course, supply an email address and indicate the number of places you wish to book. There is no need to send any money beforehand – just pay on the day.

How else can I book?

If you do not have Internet access, then please send a note of the course title & date, your name and the number of places required to:

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Please note: unless an SAE is enclosed, no booking confirmation will be sent.

EarlyChurch.co.uk Website

Besides providing a booking facility, the website also contains suggestions for further reading, extracts from the writings of various Early Church figures, and the opportunity to “Stay in Touch” by joining the mailing list.



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2006 Programme

Early Egyptian Christianity



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2006 Programme Overview

The Early Church period (c.100–500 AD) saw the clarification and formulation of the essential Christian doctrines accepted by all mainstream churches today.

But besides being occupied with doctrinal issues, the leading figures of the Church of the time were also engaged in taking the teaching passed on by the first apostles and working out its implications for the culture in which they found themselves.

The study of the events & people of the Early Church period is, therefore, not merely of academic interest, but can also provide inspiration for us in the continuing task of wrestling with the message of Christ in contemporary society.

The courses on offer in 2006 focus on four important figures from early Egyptian Christianity, spanning the late-second to mid-fifth centuries. Each course will provide an introduction to the individual in question, covering their life, work and unique contribution to the issues of their day.

An Introduction to Clement of Alexandria

Saturday 21st January

Clement (c.150-214 AD) lived and worked in one of the most important cultural & religious centres of the ancient world. His writings reflect this eclectic setting and address three

distinct audiences of his day – unorthodox Christian sects (the “Gnostics”), Christian fundamentalists, and educated non-Christians.

An Introduction to Origen

Saturday 1st April

Origen (c. 185-254 AD) was an ascetic scholar, teacher, priest and prolific author whose achievements and influence were unsurpassed in the Early Church... but was he also a heretic of the first order – (merely) a Platonic philosopher in Christian clothes...?

An Introduction to St Athanasius

Saturday 8th July

The life of St Athanasius (c. 295-373 AD) is intimately connected with the fourth century formation of the doctrine of the Trinity. His writings speak powerfully of the full divinity of God made man in Christ, and the implications of this event for humanity.

An Introduction to St Cyril of Alexandria

Saturday 21st October

St Cyril of Alexandria (c. 378-444 AD) was a consummate ecclesiastical politician, theologian and biblical commentator. He is best known as a key player in the 5th century christological crisis (over the God-man “composition” of Christ) in the run-up to the important Council of Chalcedon (451 AD).

Course Outline

Each course will run from 10.30am to 4.00pm, and will be divided into several sessions, with breaks for refreshments.

There will also be a break at midday to allow those who wish to join the Community in the traditional monastic midday service, as well as time for lunch.

Selections from the extensive writings of each author will be provided for use as a contemplative focus - the aim being to help you connect with, rather than just learn about, the ideas of these key Early Church figures.

Who are the courses aimed at?

Anyone who's read this far and is still interested! A complete lack of previous experience or study is assumed, although clergy, readers, or others with some knowledge will still find much of interest.

How much do the courses cost?

The full cost is £10 per person, with a concessionary rate of £7 also available.

Lunch

Please bring a packed lunch!

Speaker

Russell Jefford holds an MA in Patristics (Early Church history), is an Associate of All Hallows, and sees much in the writings of the Early Church Fathers which is inspirational and of relevance to contemporary Christianity.