

Constance Coltman: Pioneer of Women in Christian Ministry; A centenary celebration

Saturday 21 October 2017, 10.30-19.30

Mansfield and Somerville Colleges,
Oxford



This special event celebrates the life of Constance Coltman, the first English woman to be ordained as a minister. On 17 September 1917, Constance Todd, together with her fiancé Claud Coltman, was ordained to the Congregational Ministry in London. The following day they married. Constance studied history for her undergraduate degree at Somerville College and theology at Mansfield College. Her ministries included Cowley Road, Oxford from 1924-1932. She was a committed pacifist and suffragist, and promoted women's ordination.

Provisional timetable for the day:

10.30 - 16.30: Mansfield College, Lecture Theatre

10.30-11.00: coffee

11.00-11.10: introduction

11.10-12.00: talk – Revd. Dr Kirsty Thorpe, Wilmslow United Reformed Church

12.00-12.30: talk – Dr Matthew Grimley, Merton College, Oxford

12.30-13.45: lunch (Mansfield Café)

13.45-14.15: talk – Professor Jane Garnett, Wadham College, Oxford

14.15-14.45: talk – Dr Adrian Gregory, Pembroke College, Oxford

14.45-15.15: talk – Revd. Kate Harford, Ecumenical Chaplain, Oxford Brookes University

15.15-15.45: tea

15.45-16.30: Film showing: *Constance*, followed by discussion

From 17.30: Somerville College, Chapel and Brittain Williams Room

17.30-18.15: ecumenical service of celebration with music, led by Revd. Mia Smith of Hertford College, Oxford – Somerville College Chapel

18.30-19.30: drinks reception – Brittain Williams Room

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