



## DAS ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE COURSE 2016

### LATE IMPERIAL AND EARLY CHRISTIAN ROME

**Tutor: Prof Val Maxfield**

*Monday afternoons, 1.30 – 3.30pm, starting January 11th; at DAS HQ, Berkeley House, Dix's Field, Exeter*

The chronological scope of this course will cover the years from the walling of the imperial City in the face of crisis in the later third century, through the Diocletianic revival, the period of Constantine and the development of Christian Rome up to about the 8th century AD.

Themes to be explored will include: the City defences; Constantine and the Christianization of Rome; changing burial practices, imperial mausolea and catacombs; early churches and church architecture and the reuse of pagan monuments.

The course will consist of eight 2-hour lecture sessions, each with a tea/coffee break in the middle and plenty of opportunity for discussion. There will be no essays to write, nor exams to take, but students will be encouraged to read around the subject. Members of DAS may borrow from the Society's Library.

**Val Maxfield** is Emeritus Professor of Roman Archaeology at Exeter University. Her research interests are in the Roman army and the frontier areas of the Roman Empire and she has conducted survey and excavation across the Roman world, from Hadrian's Wall in the north, to the Eastern Desert of Egypt in the south. She is a past-president of both Devon and Cornwall Archaeological Societies, and current editor of DAS. She has led study tours in Britain and abroad, including those to Rome and the Bay of Naples.

#### **Some recommended reading:**

Claridge, A. 2010: *Rome: an Oxford Archaeological Guide*. 2nd edition. Oxford University Press.

Coulston, J. and Dodge, H. (eds) 2000: *Ancient Rome: The Archaeology of the Eternal City*. Oxford University Committee for Archaeology: Oxford.

Goldsworthy, A.K. 2009. *How Rome fell: death of a superpower*. Yale University Press.

Lanciani, R. 1899: *The Destruction of Ancient Rome*. London. Available on line at:

<https://archive.org/details/destructionofanc00lancia>

Platner, S.B. and Ashby, T. 1929: *A Topographical Dictionary of Ancient Rome*. Oxford. Available on line at:

[http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Gazetteer/Places/Europe/Italy/Lazio/Roma/Rome/\\_Texts/PLATNER\\*/home.html](http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Gazetteer/Places/Europe/Italy/Lazio/Roma/Rome/_Texts/PLATNER*/home.html)

Todd, M. 1978: *The Walls of Rome*. London: Paul Elek.

Webb, M. 2001: *The Churches and Catacombs of Early Christian Rome: A Comprehensive Guide*. Brighton, England and Portland, Oregon: Sussex Academic Press.

## BOOKING FOR THE COURSE

Standard fee .....	<b>8 CLASSES</b> £64
Reduced fee for senior citizens or unwaged .....	£56

There is an upper limit on numbers for the class and to be sure of a place it is advisable to book in advance. No receipts will be sent out (though they can be provided on request). Assume that you are on a course unless informed to the contrary.

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