

Friends of St Mary's Talk

Alyce Chaucer and the de la Pole Hull connections

by Christina Hardyment

6pm - Wednesday, 10th June, 2026
St Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, HU1 1EJ



In 1431 Geoffrey Chaucer's only granddaughter Alyce married William de la Pole, Duke of Suffolk, who came from a family of Hull merchants.

They lived at Ewelme, in Oxfordshire, which they transformed using the de la Pole's expertise in building in brick. Alyce's splendid tomb in Ewelme church inspired Christina Hardyment to research into her life and write a series of history mysteries centred on William's brutal murder in 1450.

Christina's talk will examine what we know and what we can imagine about Alyce, emphasising the de la Pole's Hull connections and the part they played in Alyce's life.



Author bio:

Christina Hardyment has written books on many subjects, including a biography of Alyce Chaucer's contemporary Sir Thomas Malory, author of the *Morte d'Arthur*.



Doors open 5.30pm for 6pm start

Refreshments available to purchase.

Wheelchair access and accessible WC.

Tickets: £5 online or at the door.

Book online at: <https://AlyceChaucerHullTalk.eventbrite.co.uk>

With thanks to Christina Hardyment all proceeds will go to St Mary's restoration fund.

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