Originally, parishioners supported their parish church and its clergy through a system of tithes paid in kind (such as crops, wool or milk) that comprised an agreed proportion of the yearly profits from farming. However, over the centuries due to changes in religion, politics and society this apparently simple agreement altered considerably.

Tithe provides historians with a wonderful opportunity to investigate the past, from farming practices to resistance and revolt. This conference brings together well-known historians and new researchers in an exploration of a fascinating topic.

**Timetable:**

[9.30 – 10.00 Reception]

10.00 – 11.00 **First Session: Introduction**
‘The tithe system from medieval to modern times’ *Elizabeth Finn* (Kent County Archives)

11.00 – 11.30 Refreshment Break

11.30 – 13.00 **Second Session: Using Medieval Tithe Records**
‘Monks, tithes and economic change in the middle ages’ *Dr Benjamin Dodds* (Durham University)
‘Tithes, peasants and landscapes, in the west midlands in the 15th century’ *Professor Christopher Dyer* (University of Leicester)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break (not provided, make own arrangements)

14.00 – 15.15 **Third Session: Early Modern Tithing**
‘Resistance to tithe payment: evidence from Kent’s sixteenth-century ecclesiastical courts’ *Dr Paula Simpson* (Trinity College, Cambridge)
‘Reassessing the London Tithe Debates of the 1630s’ *Stuart Morrison* (University of Kent)

15.15 – 15.30 Refreshment Break

15.30 – 16.30 **Fourth Session: Tithes in Modern Times**
‘Kentish tithe rebellions in modern times’ *Dr John Bulaitis* (Canterbury Christ Church University)

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