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The 38th Annual General Meeting and Annual Lecture
of the Trollope Society will take place
at 6.00pm on Wednesday 22nd October 2025
in The Reform Club, 104 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EW

AGENDA

1. Introduction by Chair
2. Apologies
3. To receive the Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd October 2024.
4. To receive the Trustees' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025
5. To note the appointment of Honorary Officers and Trustees
6. To note the appointment of the Independent Examiner
7. Chairman's Report

Following the AGM

- Trollope Society members will be joined by members of the Reform Club for a wine reception.
- The 38th Annual Lecture will be given by Dr Alison Milbank, Professor Emeritus of Theology and Literature at the University of Nottingham and Canon Theologian of Southwell Minster. The subject of the lecture will be *'Trollope the Moralists: A Victorian Dante.'*

In this lecture, Dr Milbank will explore Trollope's role as a moralist, setting aside traditional critical divides to propose a bold comparison with Dante. Like Dante's souls, Trollope's characters reveal their virtues and vices through speech, letters, and the free indirect style that draws readers into their inner lives. The talk will suggest that Trollope's richly detailed world mirrors Dante's, where setting and irony reflect moral states, and that Trollope, like Dante, invites us to learn through observing character, habit, and the shaping of desire.

- The evening will conclude with a two-course buffet supper for ticket holders.

President: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Fellowes of West Stafford DL

Vice-Presidents: Gyles Brandreth, Susan Hampshire CBE, The Rt. Hon. Sir John Major KG CH, Joanna Trollope CBE, Hugh I. Trollope

Trustees: Dominic Edwardes (Chair), Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, Susan Cooper, Priscilla Hungerford MBE, Nigel Smith, Chris Skilton

Executive Committee: Jean Ammar, Mark Green