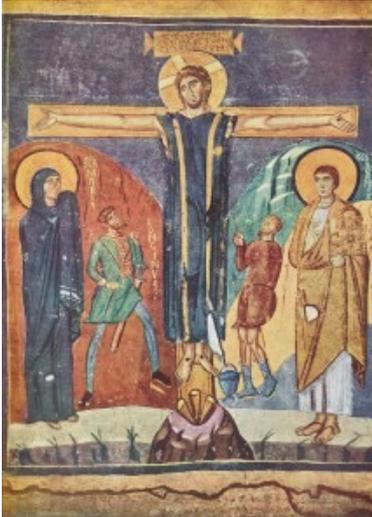


“For Rome a Life is not enough”

Lecture by **Prof. Carola Small**

Wednesday 22 February 2017

6.30 for 7 pm



Crucifixion: frescoes from S.ta Maria Antiqua

In the Roman Forum, over the Imperial Palaces built in Caligula's Times and extended under Domitian, in what had been perhaps the hall of the Pretorian Guard, is now a Church dedicated to the Christian Religion "S.ta Maria Antiqua." After more than fifteen years of restoration, it has been recently reopened. A treasure trove of frescoes and mosaics, most amazingly presented. Placed along the north western slopes of the Palatine Hill, the Church was inserted into an already existing building the Imperial Palace, later a vast complex from the time of Emperor Domitian (81 – 96 AD) until it was converted into a Church in the 6C. It was decorated during the next three centuries with extensive wall paintings, a majority of which are still preserved (more than 250 square meters). They are a unique example of early Christian Art.

Governor of Rome. Here an early 13C fresco cycle, which is now called the Gothic Room, was discovered and restored. In these exciting rooms, now the Convent of the Nuns who look after the Church, the latest discoveries have exposed part of the ancient pagan frescoes of Palazzo Conti. It is a great example of early 13C art in Rome in what were the receiving rooms for the Cardinal's grand receptions, a masterpiece of medieval gothic art.

The Archeologist and Medievalist, Prof Carola Small will come from Edinburgh to recount us the story of these amazing Discoveries, from where she has recently returned.



Gothic Pagan Frescoes in the Palace of Cardinal Conti by Convent of S.ti Quattro Coronati

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