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READING LIST

Course Title: Soul Sisters 2: Women in the Early Church
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 21 Apr 2026 to 19 May 2026
Tutor: Susan Griffith

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
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Chadwick, Henry	<i>The Early Church (This a succinct and well-written introduction to the history of early Christian communities and their development of beliefs. Not much about women specifically but a very good overview.)</i>
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Cooper, Kate	<i>Band of Angels: The Forgotten World of Early Christian Women (London: Atlantic Books, 2013)</i>
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Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

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-	<i>Holy Bible (Try to familiarise yourself with key texts relating to women in both Old and New Testaments in a relatively recent translation, e.g. NRSV.)</i>
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Augustine	<i>On the Good of Marriage; On Holy Virginity; On Widowhood</i> (Older translations available freely online, or modern translations electronically via SOLO)
Brock, Sebastian P. and Harvey, Susan Ashbrook	<i>Holy Women of the Syrian Orient</i>
Brown, Peter	<i>Body and society : men, women, and sexual renunciation in early Christianity</i>
Clark, Elizabeth	<i>Women in the Early Church</i>
Cohick, Lynn H	<i>Women in the World of the Earliest Christians: Illuminating Ancient Ways of Life</i>
Cohick, Lynn H. and Hughes, Amy Brown	<i>Christian Women in the Patristic World: Their Influence, Authority, and Legacy in the Second through Fifth Centuries</i>
Elm, Susanna	<i>Virgins of God: The Making of Asceticism in Late Antiquity</i>
Esler, Philip F. (ed.)	<i>The Early Christian World, 2nd Edition</i> (London: Routledge, 2017)
Heine, Susanne	<i>Women and Early Christianity: Are the feminist scholars right?</i>
Kee, Howard Clark	'The Changing Role of Women in the Early Christian World' (in <i>Theology Today</i> , 49:2 (1992), 225-238)
Kraemer, Ross Shepherd and D'Angelo, Mary Rose (edd.)	<i>Women and Christian Origins</i>
Miller, Patricia	<i>Women in Early Christianity: Translations from Greek Texts</i> (2012)
Rankin, David	<i>Tertullian and the Church</i> (1995)
Sawyer, Deborah	<i>Women and Religion in the First Christian Centuries</i>
Torjesen, Karen Jo	<i>When Women Were Priests</i> (New York: HarperCollins, 1993)
Tucker, Ruth and Liefeld, Walter	<i>Daughters of the Church</i>
Waddell, Helen (ed. and trans.)	<i>The Desert Fathers</i>
Ward, Benedicta (trans.)	<i>The Sayings of the Desert Fathers: The Alphabetical Collection</i> (Pages 82-84 on Theodora, and 229-235 on Amma Sarah)
White, Carolinne	<i>Lives of Roman Christian Women</i> (London: Penguin, 2012)
Wilkinson, John (ed. and trans.)	<i>Egeria's Travels</i>

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Women and Early Christianity *Heine, Susanne*

Women in the Earliest Churches *Witherington III, Ben (1988 or 1991)*