

# MICHAEL NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL ANNUAL LECTURE

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## English Agriculture in the Age of the Black Death, 1350–1500

**Professor Mark Bailey**



**Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 7pm**

**(wine reception 6.30pm)**

**Templeman Lecture Theatre, Kent University Library**

**University of Kent, CT2 7NZ**

**All welcome and entry is free (voluntary retiring collection)**

Mark Bailey is Professor of Late Medieval History at the University of East Anglia. In 2019 he was the James Ford Lecturer at the University of Oxford, and his Ford Lectures have been published as *After the Black Death* by OUP.

This presentation will examine the impact of the Black Death and continuing outbreaks of plague on farming in England for landlords, tenants and workers. As well as deserted villages, it brought considerable opportunities for some to acquire land and witnessed a move from arable to pastoral agriculture, all of which make it a fascinating period to explore.

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