

History of Britain – Sponsored by St. John’s Salisbury

St. Mary’s RC Church Lakeville

Wednesdays in October from 5PM to 6:30PM (Light Supper Included)

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Join us as on Wednesday evenings as we view and discuss together the highly acclaimed BBC documentary by Simon Schama entitled A History of Britain.

Together, we will view A study of the history of the British Isles, that allows Schama to examine a particular period and tell of its events in his own style. All the programs are of 59 minutes' duration.

The Body of the Queen: *At St. John’s Episcopal Church – October 5*

1558–1603. This is the story of two queens: Elizabeth I of England, the Protestant virgin, and Mary, Queen of Scots, the Catholic mother. It is also the story of the birth of a nation.

The British Wars: *At St. Mary’s RC Church – October 12*

1603–1649. The turbulent civil wars of the early seventeenth century would culminate in two events unique to British history; the public execution of a king and the creation of a republic. Schama tells of the brutal war that tore the country in half and created a new Britain – divided by politics and religion and dominated by the first truly modern army, fighting for ideology, not individual leaders.

Revolutions: *At St. John’s Episcopal Church – October 19*

1649–1689. Political and religious revolutions racked Britain after Charles I's execution, when Britain was a joyless, kingless republic led by Oliver Cromwell. His rule became so unpopular that for many it was a relief when the monarchy was restored after his death, but Cromwell was also a man of vision who brought about significant reforms.

The Wrong Empire: *At St. Mary’s RC Church – October 26*

1750-1800. The exhilarating and terrible story of how the British Empire came into being through its early settlements - the Caribbean through the sugar plantations (and helped by slavery), the land that later became the United States and India through the British East India Company - and how it eventually came to dominate the world. A story of exploration and daring, but also one of exploitation, conflict, and loss.