



Glass Society - free Zoom Lecture

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**Origins, manufacture and decay of the glass
of the Great East Window, York Minster**

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The Great East Window of York Minster is one of the largest medieval windows in Britain and was glazed by John Thornton of Coventry between 1405-1408. It is generally considered that glass for stained glass



windows in England was imported from the Continent but from where has been unclear. A major conservation programme, *York Minster Revealed* (2008-2018), allowed unprecedented access for scientific examination of the glass. This reveals the close relationship between how the glass was made, where it was made, and its tendency to decay.

Ian Freestone trained as a geologist before joining the British Museum in 1979, where he undertook the scientific analysis of ancient artefacts. He joined Cardiff University as Professor of Archaeological Science in 2004, then moved

to UCL in 2011 where he is Professor of Archaeological Materials and Technologies. He specialises in the investigation of ancient artefacts using scientific techniques and in recent years has focused increasingly upon glass. He is a recipient of the the Archaeological Institute of America's Pomerance Medal for scientific contributions to archaeology.

TO BOOK: Please contact David Willars at gsocfinancial@gmail.com. Please note, places are limited. You will be sent details of how to join the Zoom meeting before the 13th April.

We expect to continue to hold meetings on this platform during 2021, and will let members know when we feel able to restart meetings in London and elsewhere.