

# The Reformation of Time in Early Modern Scotland

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The Reformation brought profound change to Scottish communities in the 16th and 17th centuries, as people adjusted to a new Kirk bringing a new approach to Christianity. This talk will examine one of the key ways in which Scottish Protestantism changed Scottish communities – in its distinct approaches to time. From its sense of its place in historical time to the weekly temporal obligations it imposed on townspeople, Scottish Protestantism endeavoured to re-form time in the years after its legal establishment. Scottish communities then responded to these new rhythms in their weekly and daily schedules, forming new approaches to work, prayer, and other elements of everyday life, as well as new forms of resistance to religious change. Examination of the Reformation of Time thus offers historians an interesting way to investigate the degree of change brought on by the Reformation and the ways in which communities adjusted to their new realities.

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