

N.B. All our Saturday meetings this year will take place in Room D224.

7 October 2017	27 January 2018	7 April 2018
18 November 2017	17 February 2018	26 May 2018
16 December 2017	17 March 2018	16 June 2018

## OXFORD, Bodleian Library, MS Auct. F. 4.32, fols. 10r-18v

High-resolution images at *Early Manuscripts at Oxford* <http://image.ox.ac.uk/>

### Bibliography

*The Old English Finding of the True Cross*. Ed. and trans. Mary-Catherine BODDEN. Woodbridge: D.S. Brewer, 1987.  
 DA ROLD, Orietta. 'Oxford, Bodleian Library, Auct. F. 4. 32 (2176)' *The Production and Use of English Manuscripts 1060 to 1220*. <http://www.le.ac.uk/english/em1060to1220/mss/EM.Ox.Auct.F.4.32.htm>

### Contents

17<sup>th</sup>-century 'recueil composite'

1. 'St. Dunstan's Classbook': Eutyches, with Old Welsh glosses, 9th century
2. Homily on the Invention of the Cross in Old English, 11th century
3. 'Liber Commonei' and Ovid's *Ars amatoria*, Bk. I, with Old Welsh glosses, Wales, 9th century
4. Additions related to St. Dunstan, Glastonbury, 10th century.

### Description of item #2

Provenance unknown. Bound with other three sections by 1601. Other three sections = Saint Dunstan's Classbook from Glastonbury.

243 mm x 150-170 mm, written space 210 mm x 110 mm

Single quire of 8 folded leaves plus one extra folio (fol. 18) : 2<sup>8+1</sup>

Vertical crease and stains on fol. 18v show that the homily circulated as a folded booklet for some time. This seems to be the earliest English example of such use.

Written in English vernacular minuscule. Caroline feature : a (neither square nor pointed). Mixture of long and short round s. Descenders with curve or serif.

Date : s.xi<sup>2</sup> (c.1050-1100)

Dialect with both Kentish and West-Saxon traits. BODDEN suggests an Essex, Sussex or more probably Middlesex origin.

### Extra internet resources

*Digipal* <http://www.digipal.eu/about/the-project/english-vernacular-minuscule/>

*Bosworth-Toller Anglo-Saxon Dictionary* <http://bosworth.ff.cuni.cz/>