The thirteenth century was a crucial period of reform in the English church, during which the church’s renewal initiatives transformed the laity. The vibrant lay religious culture of late medieval England cannot be understood without considering the reinvigorated pastoral care that developed between 1200 and 1300. Even before Innocent III called the Fourth Lateran Council of 1215, reform-minded bishops and scholars were focusing attention on the local church, emphasising better preaching and more frequent confession. This study examines the processes by which these clerical reforms moulded the lay religiosity of the thirteenth century, integrating the different aspects of church life, so often studied separately, and combining a broad investigation of the subject with a series of comparative case studies. William Campbell also demonstrates how differences abounded from diocese to diocese, town to country and parish to parish, shaping the landscape of pastoral care as a complex mosaic of lived religion.

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ABBREVIATIONS


BIHR  Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research (Historical Research since 1987)


C&YS  The Canterbury and York Society.


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Rot. Hugonis  W. P. W. Phillimore, F. N. Davis et al., eds, Rotuli Hugonis de Welles, Episcopi Lincolniensis AD MCCIX–MCCCXXXV (C&YS 1, 3 and 4, 1907–9).
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RTDA  Report and Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, Literature, and Art.

TCWAAS  Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society.

TRHS  Transactions of the Royal Historical Society.


Map 1  The Dioceses and Jurisdictions of Medieval England and Wales.

*Source: Ordnance Survey, Map of Monastic Britain North Sheet and Map of Monastic Britain South Sheet.*

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