

CTF Library Newsletter

April 2025



Woolf Library

Welcome to the April issue of the CTF Library newsletter!

We hope that you have all enjoyed a break over the Easter vacation period, without being weighed down with too many assessments!

This month's crop of new acquisitions includes the catalogue to the ongoing Fitzwilliam Museum exhibition *Rise Up: Resistance, Revolution, Abolition*, exploring 'the multifaceted history of the fight to end transatlantic slavery' on display until 5th June 2025. Well worth a visit for those based in Cambridge. For those further afield, why not explore the new ebook, Sean McGeever's *Ownership: The Evangelical Legacy of Slavery in Edwards, Wesley, and Whitefield*. Other new acquisitions cover subjects as diverse as theological education, climate crisis, ethics, and mystical poetry (p. 2).

We are also welcoming a guest article by Jacqueline Reiter, librarian of the Congregational Memorial Hall Trust, who introduces us to this theological library newly arriving in Cambridge (p. 3).

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Jane and Grace
The Library Team

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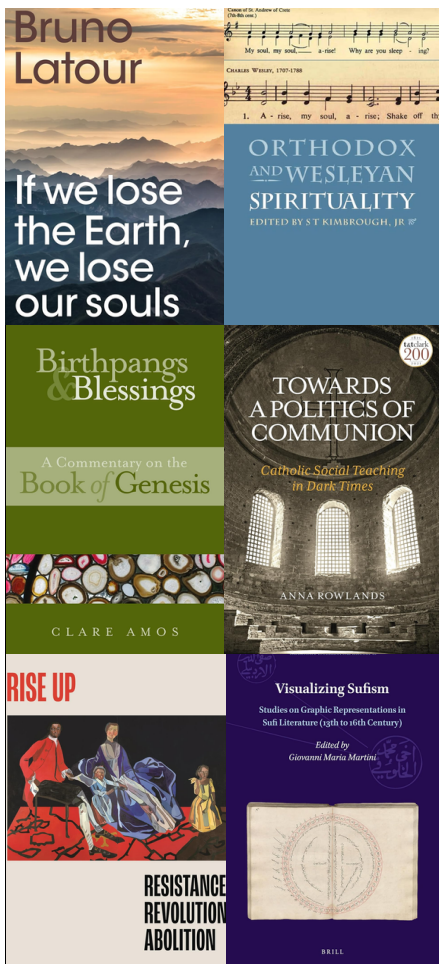
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What's new in CTF libraries?

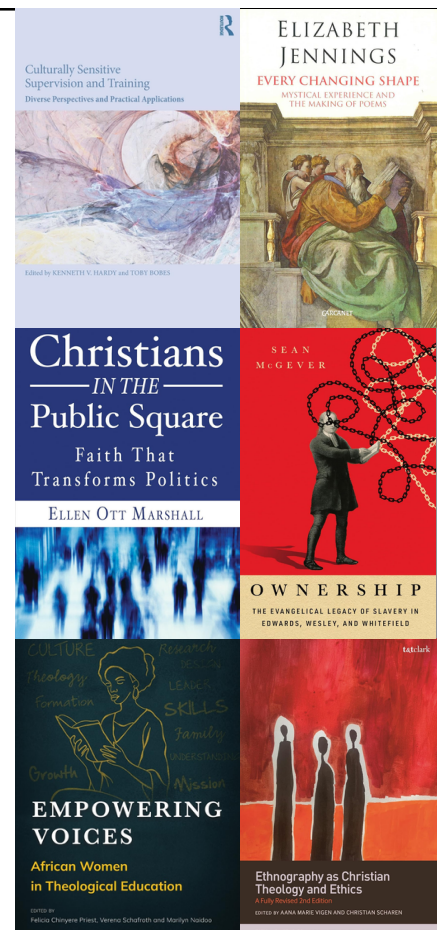
Highlights from collections across the CTF.

- **Ridley:** Latour, Bruno, *If we Lose the Earth, we Lose our Souls* (2024).
- **Wesley:** Kimbrough, S.T., Jr., *Orthodox and Wesleyan spirituality* (2002).
- **Westcott:** Amos, Clare, *Birthpangs and blessings : a commentary on the book of Genesis* (2022).
- **Westcott:** Rowlands, Anna, *Towards a politics of communion : Catholic social teaching in dark times* (2021).
- **Westminster:** Avery, Victoria, *Rise Up : Resistance Revolution Abolition* (2025).
- **Woolf:** Martini, Giovanni Maria, *Visualizing Sufism : studies on graphic representations in Sufi literature* (2023).

What's new in eDiscover?

Explore highlights from this month's new ebook acquisitions & many more on eDiscover.

- Hardy, Kenneth V., *Culturally Sensitive Supervision and Training : Diverse Perspectives and Practical Applications* (2016).
- Jennings, Elizabeth, *Every Changing Shape : Mystical Experience and the Making of Poems* (2012).
- Marshall, Ellen Ott, *Christians in the Public Square : Faith That Transforms Politics* (2008).
- McGeever, Sean, *Ownership : The Evangelical Legacy of Slavery in Edwards, Wesley, and Whitefield* (2024).
- Priest, Felicia Chinyere, *Empowering Voices : African Women in Theological Education* (2025).
- Vigen, Aana Marie, *Ethnography As Christian Theology and Ethics : A Fully Revised 2nd Edition* (2024).



Spotlight: The Congregational Library comes to Westminster College

This month, we welcome a guest article from Jacqueline Reiter, the Congregational Librarian, on the Congregational Library's move to the Westminster campus.

A new theological library has come to Cambridge! The Congregational Library, part of the Congregational Memorial Hall Trust (CMHT), is moving from London to Westminster College as part of a new partnership between the two organisations. The CMHT was founded in 1872 as a memorial to ministers ejected from their positions in the Church of England following the 1662 Act of Uniformity, and the Congregational Library was established to encourage and assist Biblical studies and the history of Dissent.



Books from the Congregational Library are going on the shelves

The new Congregational Librarian, [Jacqueline Reiter](#), hopes to expand readership and would love to help any potential users who might be interested in our collections. More information on the library, including a link to its [online catalogue](#) and [manuscript handlist](#), can be found [here](#).

Jacqueline Reiter, Congregational Librarian

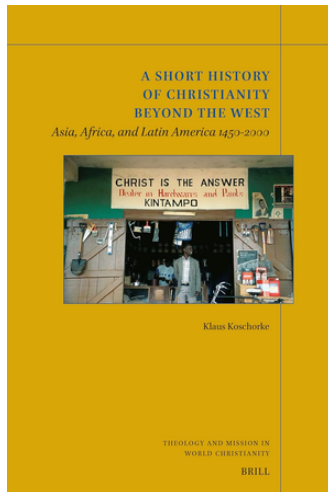
Although still being unpacked, the collection, consisting of over 50,000 books, pamphlets, and periodicals, will be accessible to users with an interest in Congregationalism and Dissent. The library holds a collection of hymns and sacred music, as well as significant archival materials (from the papers of Congregationalist ministers to manuscripts touching on women's history). The library also includes photographs of London churches bombed during the Blitz, and 84 portraits of significant figures in the Reformed Church movement.

The library is in the process of being unpacked



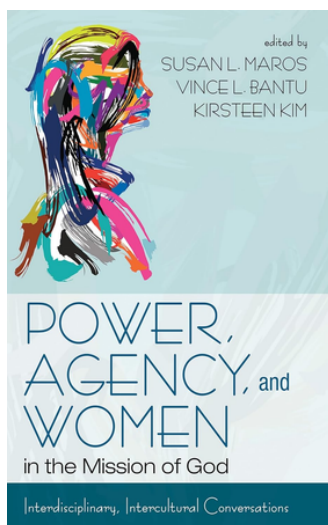


Ruth MacLean, CCCW Librarian, highlights three recent CCCW acquisitions.



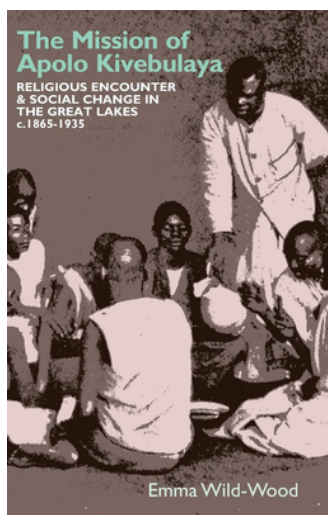
Koschorke, Klaus, *A Short History of Christianity Beyond the West: Asia, Africa, and Latin America, 1450-2000* (2025)

This textbook provides a compact overview of the history of Christianity in Asia, Africa and Latin America since 1450 – an important study given that the majority of the world’s population of Christians today live in these continents in the global South. The focus is on ‘diversity and interdependence, local actors and global effects’. Useful for personal research and also in academic teaching, this textbook is supported by maps, illustrations, photos and plenty of source references for further study.



Maros, Susan L., Vince L. Bantu and Kirsteen Kim, *Power, Agency and Women in the Mission of God: interdisciplinary, intercultural conversations* (2024)

This book aims to fulfil the need for an accessible academic book addressing gender issues that women face as Christian disciples in the church. Women’s leadership in formal and informal settings within mission, church ministry and worship groups is examined, with examples given and issues raised including barriers that women face, the leadership environment, relational hostility or being ignored, women’s leadership development, and the need for gender safe spaces, particularly in the context of world Christianity. Patriarchal notions and ideas within Christianity and societal contexts are delineated whilst noting the predominance of women in the church throughout history. Women in the Bible are studied and models of women’s power in history explored. Social norms and power imbalance, sexism, sexual and domestic abuse and violence are some of the challenges raised that the church is urged to address.



Wild-Wood, Emma, *The Mission of Apolo Kivebulaya: religious encounter & social change in the Great Lakes c. 1865-1935* (2020)

Authored by one of CCCW’s former directors, this book explores a beloved and key player in the history of Christianity and social change in the Great Lakes region, the missionary Apolo Kivebulaya. According to its introduction, this biography “is written as a social history of religious change. It combines the social history ... with a cultural history of the motivation and values of indigenous agents. It re-conceptualises the historiography of African agents in spreading religious change by examining a single individual who demonstrates the impact of macro-movements of social and religious change at a micro-level and the intrusion of small-scale change on wider historical processes”.

April Library Team Updates

A display of readings for Easter

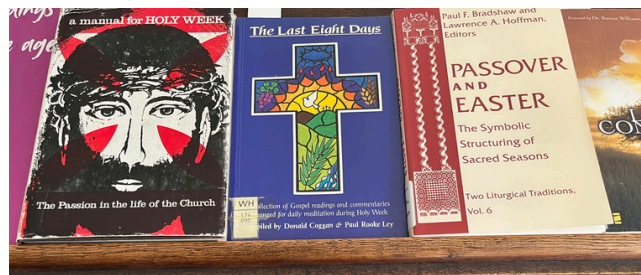
If you have been studying over the holidays, you may have noticed that in Westcott House library, the librarians have updated their Lent display to include readings and meditations on Holy Week.

We hope you all had a peaceful and happy Easter weekend!



What else we've been up to this month...

- Starting to cost up next year's reading lists for 2025-2026
- Cataloguing the Westfield collection so it is available on iDiscover
- Starting to stock check the Westcott library annexe collection
- Stock checking the Wesley rare book collection
- ...and enjoying a bit of sunshine in our views from the libraries!



Bible Collection talks at the UL

The Cambridge University Library are hosting 2 free, in-person talks that might be of interest to the CTF community:

A Maker of Chocolate and Bibles: Francis Fry's Collecting, Correcting and Cataloguing

Dr Harry Spillane, Weds 28 May, 5-6.30pm

Francis Fry, a Victorian collector and heir to J.S Fry & Sons, combined two of life's greatest pleasures: chocolate and bibliography.

Amassing one of the largest Bible collections ever known, Fry used his vast library to create a series of influential books and catalogues.

[More info and book here](#)

Hidden in Plain White: Aztec Articulations of Catholic Lessons

Dr Joshua Fitzgerald, Weds 4 June, 5-6.30pm

Focusing on an extremely rare Christian lectionary that represents the cultural confluence of sixteenth-century Colonial Mexico. A translation of Latin scriptures into the Aztec language (Nahuatl), the manuscript is the focus of the talk, which explores the transatlantic context and material aspects of its production.

[More info and book here](#)

If you have any questions about the talks, please email researchdevelopment@lib.cam.ac.uk

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