

CTF Library Newsletter

July 2025



Westfield Library

Welcome to the July issue of the CTF Library newsletter!

Welcome to the July issue from a quiet Cambridge, as many of our staff and students make the most of the vacation period. While term may have finished, CTF libraries remain open, and the library team work carries on as we start our preparations for next academic year.

This month we are once again spotlighting recent CTF staff research publications. As always, these publications reveal the huge variety of exciting work going on in the CTF, from prison chaplaincy to incarnational theology, philosophy of religion to mission history, ecotheology to research methodology. Explore these publications on pages 3-5, and don't forget, if you would like your work to feature in a future issue, we would love to hear from you.

We have a couple of important news items this month: details on SCONUL access for our CTF-ARU students, and upcoming updates to the user interface for accessing ebooks and online journals. Read more on page 7.

We hope everyone is having a restful vacation period!

Jane and Grace
The Library Team

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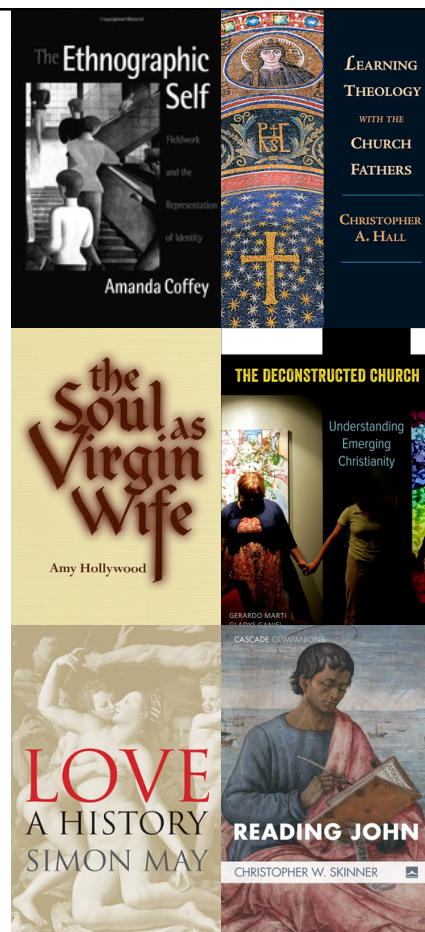
Highlights from collections across the CTF.

- **Ridley:** Sachs, William, L., *The Oxford History of Anglicanism: Global Anglicanism, c.1901-present* (2017).
- **Wesley:** Blencowe, Claire, *Spirits of extraction : Christianity, settler colonialism and the geology of race* (2025).
- **Westcott:** Robinson-Brown, Jarel, *Black, gay, British, Christian, queer : the church and the famine of grace* (2021).
- **Westfield:** Jasper, David, *The interpretation of belief : Coleridge, Schleiermacher and Romanticism* (1986).
- **Westminster:** Mason, Eric F., *Reading the Epistle of James : a resource for students* (2019).
- **Westminster:** Stump, Eleonore, *Wandering in darkness : narrative and the problem of suffering* (2010).

What's new in eDiscover?

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

- Coffey, Amanda, *The Ethnographic Self : Fieldwork and the Representation of Identity* (1999)
- Hall, Christopher A., *Learning Theology with the Church Fathers* (2002)
- Hollywood, Amy, *The Soul As Virgin Wife: Mechthild of Magdeburg, Marguerite Porete, and Meister Eckhart* (2000)
- Marti, Gerardo, *The Deconstructed Church : Understanding Emerging Christianity* (2014)
- May, Simon, *Love : a History* (2011)
- Skinner, Christopher W., *Reading John* (2015)



Staff research spotlight 2025

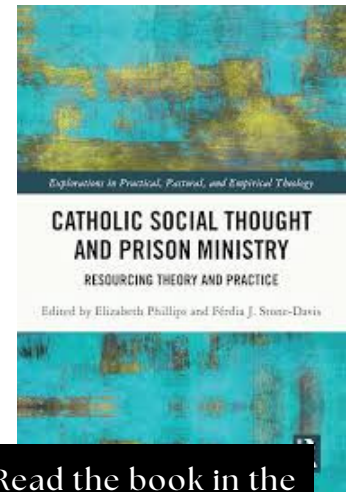
Every year, CTF staff members publish a wealth of exciting new research. Explore highlights from the CTF research community from the first half of 2025.

Would you like us to feature your publication in a future newsletter? Let us know at library@theofed.cam.ac.uk

Elizabeth Phillips

Phillips, Elizabeth, and Férdia J. Stone-Davis, *Catholic Social Thought and Prison Ministry: Resourcing Theory and Practice* (Routledge, 2024)

This book explores how the themes and insights of official Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and broader Catholic social thought might illuminate, and be illuminated by, a deeper engagement with the context of prisons. What resources might Catholic social thought bring to pastoral work in prisons? And what might listening to the prison context bring to Catholic social thought? The volume includes constructive proposals for the relationship between CST and prison ministry, as well as critical questions about the role and shortcomings of prisons, CST, and chaplaincy. It contains contributions by scholars and practitioners of theology, criminology, and prison chaplaincy from the UK, US, and Ireland, and reflects on the inextricable relationship of social action and pastoral care in the work of prison ministry.

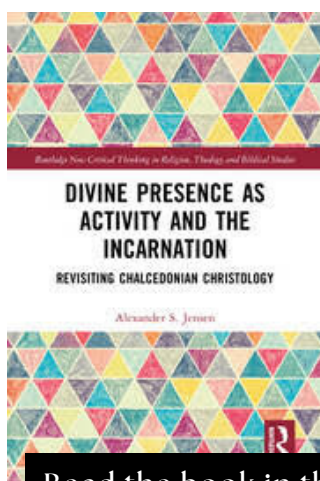


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This book arose from a 2020-21 MBIT project, Flourishing Inside, [which you can learn more about here](#).

Alex Jensen

Jensen, Alexander S., *Divine Presence as Activity and the Incarnation: Revisiting Chalcedonian Christology*, (Routledge, 2025)



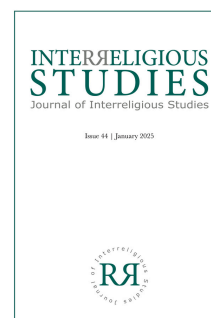
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This book offers an original perspective on the doctrine of incarnation through a discussion of divine presence and action, arguing for the plausibility of Chalcedonian Christology. The suggestion is that divine presence needs to be understood in consistently Trinitarian terms and the book sets out the possibility of a theology of presence which understands God as present and immanent in the world, while, at the same time, remaining transcendent and ineffable. Alexander Jensen maintains that the classical understanding of divine presence, which sees God as being present according to God's activity, is much more useful in Christology than today's predominant modern notion of presence as occupying space, and combines this with an ontological understanding of personhood. The book gives an account of the person and work of Christ that takes seriously the insights of historical research and critical biblical interpretation. It takes seriously the full humanity of Jesus of Nazareth and asserts that in this man we encounter God.

Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman

'The Logic of Religion? A Critique of Hans Küng's Philosophy of the Dialogue of Religions', *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, 44 (2025): 90–113

This essay offers a critique of the theoretical framework used by Hans Küng for extrapolating the essence of the Abrahamic faiths. It then presents an alternative approach which allows for an inductive examination of what might be described as the inner logic of a religious tradition. Grounded in an Aristotelean philosophical principle, "epistemic fit," it presupposes that religious traditions possess an intrinsic logic which can be brought to the surface in order to exhibit parallels between them. Thus, following a critique of Küng, the paper probes how this Aristotelean principle might be applied to the dialogue of religions, illustrating the value of this approach by contrasting it with the conceptual apparatus utilized by Küng in his search for a global ethic.



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Ian Randall

'The "1859" Revival in Ireland: Episodes and Evaluations', *European Journal of Theology*, 33 (2024): 192-214

The revival that came to Ireland, especially the north of Ireland, in 1859, had a major impact and created much interest. Over 150 years later, the significance of this revival is still being talked about and studied. This article looks at the background to what happened, gives space to some of the voices in the revival, and covers both advocates and critics. Much of the evidence on which the article draws is primary source material from the time of the revival or soon afterwards. The influence in different denominations is examined. The intention of the article is to bring together various strands that help to give an understanding of the episodes themselves and the way these have been evaluated.

European
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'General Baptist Women in Orissa, India: Initiatives in Female Education, 1860s–1880s', *Religions*, 15 (2024): 1-13



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This article looks at the General Baptist mission in Orissa, India, from the 1860s to the 1880s, with particular reference to the way women who served within the mission fulfilled a role in teaching and encouraging girls and women, especially by setting up schooling. The challenges of a time of desperate famine, with many orphans being cared for, are examined. The General Baptist mission worked with other bodies, notably and crucially with the interdenominational Female Education Society. A major aim was that, through the work of the female teachers, local teachers would be equipped.

Further Publications

- 'Orthodox and Evangelical Missional Interaction: Insights from the International Review of Mission', *Evangelical Review of Theology*, 48 (2024): 14-29
- 'George Borrow (1803-1881) in St Petersburg and the Scriptures in Manchu', *Journal of European Baptist Studies*, 24 (2024): 41-63
- 'Irish Evangelicals, Keswick Spirituality, and the Formation of the Egypt General Mission, 1898–1907', *Evangelical Quarterly*, 95 (2024): 114-132
- 'Catholics, Anabaptists and the Bruderhof: New Spiritual Patterns', *The Way*, 63 (2024): 47–58

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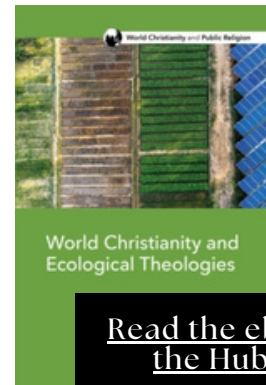
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Theokritoff, Elizabeth, 'Hearing the words of creatures: contemplative knowledge in the Orthodox tradition', in *World Christianity and Ecological Theologies*, volume 6, edited by Raimundo Barreto, and others, (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2024) pp.229-248

This volume invites scholars in religious studies and theology to a North-South dialogue on environmental ethics, political ecology, and ecofeminism. Throughout the global pandemic, the connection between environmental rapacity, religion, and political interests has called attention to the important conversation on public religion and global environment-related issues. This book aims to bring the fields of study of World Christianity, religion, and ecology into a sustained conversation, expanding the theoretical horizons of these fields.



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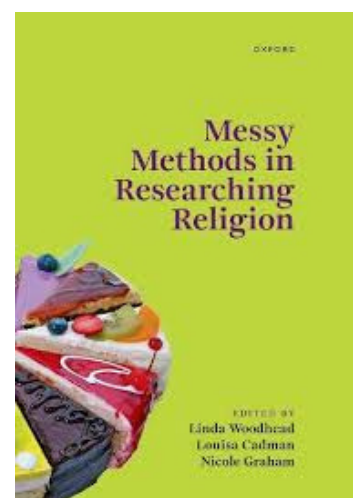
Theokritoff, Elizabeth, 'Sacred Compost: Asceticism, Matter and Love for All Creation in the Orthodox Tradition', in *One Earth, One Love: Orthodox and Baptist Theologians in Conversation About the Natural Environment*, Paul Fiddes, (Firedint, 2025) pp.1-17



This book marks the first conversations ever held between Orthodox and Baptist theologians on the subject of theology and the environment. Chapters cover care for the natural world, the response of the churches to the climate crisis, and the future of the planet in the face of global warming. Theological themes developed include the sacramental nature of the world, human priesthood in creation, freedom and risk, the grounds of hope, and covenantal relations between God, human beings, and all created things. At a critical moment in world history, the book demonstrates the importance of holding a common Christian mind and the taking of joint Christian action.

Cameron, Helen, 'Theological Action Research', in *Messy Methods in Researching Religion*, edited by Linda Woodhead, and others (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025)

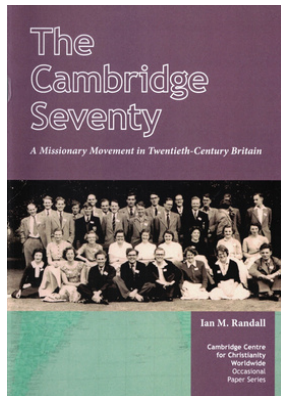
This unique book investigates the real-world complexities, challenges, and mistakes that are often encountered when researching religion, values, and culture. Featuring the reflections of researchers from across the social sciences and humanities, it offers vivid accounts of designing and executing both small-scale and much larger projects. Some chapters describe in detail the process and rationale behind methodological decisions, including challenges, adaptations, and revisions. Others reveal how things went wrong in the research process, even past the point of recovery, and what was learned. There is reflection on wider conceptual, theoretical, and ethical debates about 'religion' and what they mean in practice. In acknowledging the messiness of researching religion, the volume seeks to humanize and improve it.



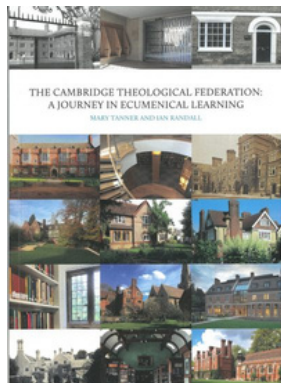


We are delighted when researchers who have spent days or weeks based in the CCCW, go on to tell us about the books or articles that they have subsequently published!

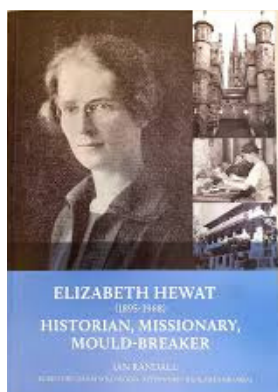
Rev Dr Ian Randall, Senior CCCW Research Associate and author, sent us the following list of everything he has published since 2016 that depended either wholly, or in part, on what he gleaned from the CCCW resources:



- *The Cambridge Seventy: A Missionary Movement in Twentieth-Century Britain* (Cambridge: CCCW, 2016).
- *Cambridge Students and Christianity Worldwide: Insights from the 1960s* (Cambridge: CCCW, 2019).
- "Couldn't it happen in Switzerland?", The East African Revival and Swiss Church Life in the 1940s and 1950s', *European Journal of Theology*, Vol. 30, No. 1 (2021) pp. 119–141.
- Richard Minter (1905-1997) and the Caribbean, *Cambridgeshire Association for Local History Bulletin*, September 2021, pp. 13-19.

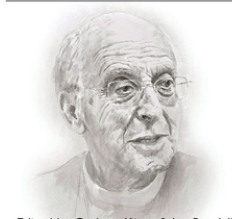


- 'Florence Allshorn (1887-1950) and St Julian's', *Fulcrum*, October 2021.
- 'Mission and Unity: The Contribution of Alan Gordon MacLeod (1911-1984)', *The Journal of the United Church History Society*, Vol. 10, No. 9 (November 2021), pp. 481-99.
- 'Mutuality in Methodist Mission: Murray and Olive Titus in India, 1910-1951', *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (June 2022), pp. 146-68.
- *The Cambridge Theological Federation: A Journey in Ecumenical Learning* (Cambridge: CTF, 2022), with Mary Tanner
- *Exchange of Gifts: The Vision of Simon Barrington-Ward*, edited with Graham Kings (Edinburgh: Ekklesia, 2022).

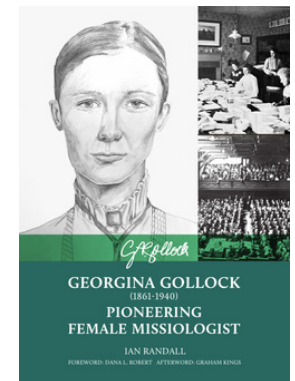
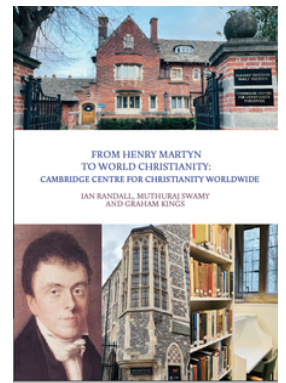
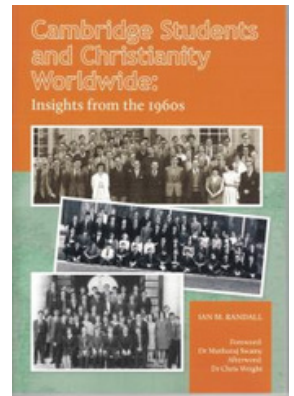


- *From Henry Martyn to World Christianity: Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide* (Cambridge: CCCW, 2022), with Graham Kings and Muthuraj Swamy
- *Georgina Gollock (1861-1940): Pioneering Female Missiologist* (Cambridge: CCCW, 2023).
- 'Tambaram, 1938: Christianity's shift to the Global South', *Transformation*, Vol. 40, Issue 4 (2023), pp. 350-365.
- 'Orthodox and Evangelical Missional Interaction: Insights from the International Review of Mission', *Evangelical Review of Theology*, Vol. 48, No. 1 (February 2024), pp. 14-29.

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July Library Team Updates

SCONUL Access for ARU students

We are delighted to let you know that CTF-ARU students are now eligible to apply for SCONUL access.

The SCONUL access scheme 'allows university library users to access study spaces, books and journals at other libraries which belong to the scheme'. Find more information and apply online on the [SCONUL user guide website](#).



Changes to the way you use ebooks and journals in August 2025

EBSCO, the supplier of our online journals, and many of our ebooks, is updating the look and feel of their platform in August. All the functions remain the same, but there have been some cosmetic updates. [Read our guide to the changes](#) on Hedwig or [watch EBSCO's video tutorial](#).



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

- We are full steam ahead on planning for next academic year - we are purchasing new print and ebooks for module teaching, and checking reading lists
- We've also been packing up the special collections at Wesley House, ready for their move

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