

CTF Library Newsletter

June 2025



Westfield Library

Welcome to the June issue of the CTF Library newsletter!

Welcome to this end-of-term newsletter from a boiling Cambridge! We hope you're managing to stay cool, wherever you are in the world.

A huge congrats to all our CTF students who have finished their exams and final assessments of the year (and to all the staff marking these assessments!). We hope you can all manage a restful summer, and for those graduating from the CTF this year, we send all best wishes for your next stage. For those students still working away, *bon courage*!

If you're a recent CTF graduate who has suddenly realised you forgot to return your books at the end of term, never fear! Find out how you can return them to us on page 6.

In this month's newsletter, we're looking back on the 2024-25 academic year in books. Find out just how many books the CTF community has read this year, and countdown your top ten most-read titles on pages 3-5. You've read a huge amount on a wide range of subjects - a testament to the vibrant teaching and research going on at the CTF, and to all your hard work this year.

Jane and Grace
The Library Team

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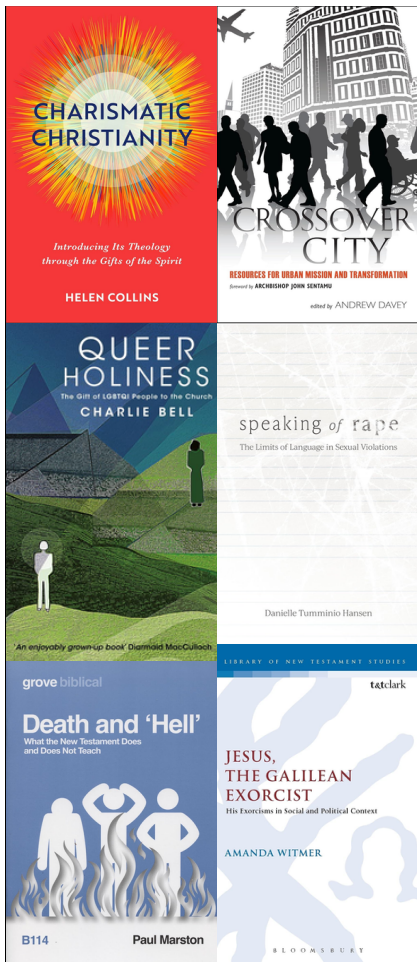
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What's new in CTF libraries?

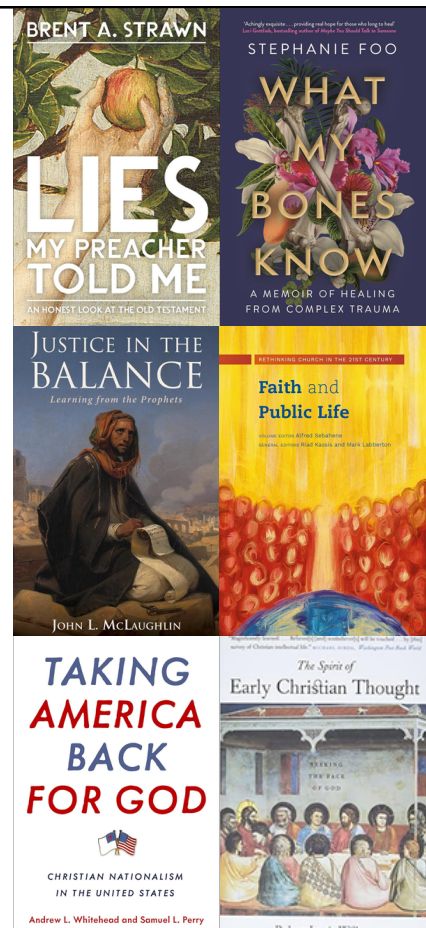
Highlights from collections across the CTF.

- **Ridley:** Collins, Helen, *Charismatic Christianity: introducing its theology through gifts of the spirit* (2023).
- **Wesley:** Davey, Andrew, *Crossover city: resources for urban mission and transformation* (2010).
- **Westcott:** Bell, Charlie, *Queer holiness : the gift of LGBTQI people to the church* (2022)
- **Westcott:** Hansen, Danille Tumminio, *Speaking of rape : the limits of language in sexual violations* (2024)
- **Westminster:** Marston, Paul, *Death and 'Hell': what the New Testament does and does not teach* (2024).
- **Westminster:** Witmer, Amanda, *Jesus, the Galilean exorcist : his exorcisms in social and political context* (2013).

What's new in eDiscover?

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

- Brent, A. Strawn, *Lies My Preacher Told Me : an honest look at the Old Testament* (2021)
- Foo, Stephanie, *What My Bones Know : a memoir of healing from complex trauma* (2022).
- McLaughlin, John L, *Justice in the Balance : learning from the prophets* (2020).
- Sebahene, Alfred, *Faith and Public Life : rethinking Church in the 21st Century* (2025).
- Whitehead, Andrew L, *Taking America Back for God : Christian nationalism in the United States* (2020).
- Wilken, Robert Louis, *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought : seeking the face of God* (2003).



The CTF year in books 2024-25

Every year the CTF's busy student, staff, and research community reads thousands of books and journals for their studies, faith, and personal interest. Dive into our snapshot of the CTF's year in books...

What we've added to the library...

This year, the library team have catalogued over **2700** new books, including over **160** new ebooks.

We've also worked on special cataloguing projects, making sure you can search and find CTF collections in [iDiscover...](#)

We've catalogued over **300** books for the Elias Hymnology Collection at Westminster

And re-catalogued over **1300** books at Westfield from their old catalogue into iDiscover

New books subjects

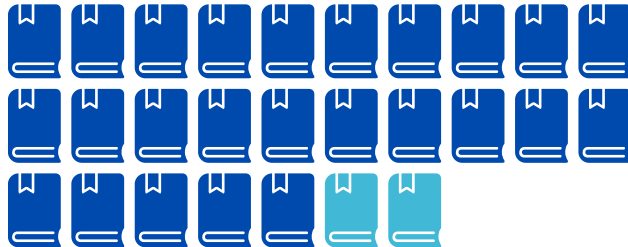
New books are concentrated on CTF core subjects across a broad range of traditions:

theology, practical theology, church history, Biblical studies, ministry and mission, worship.

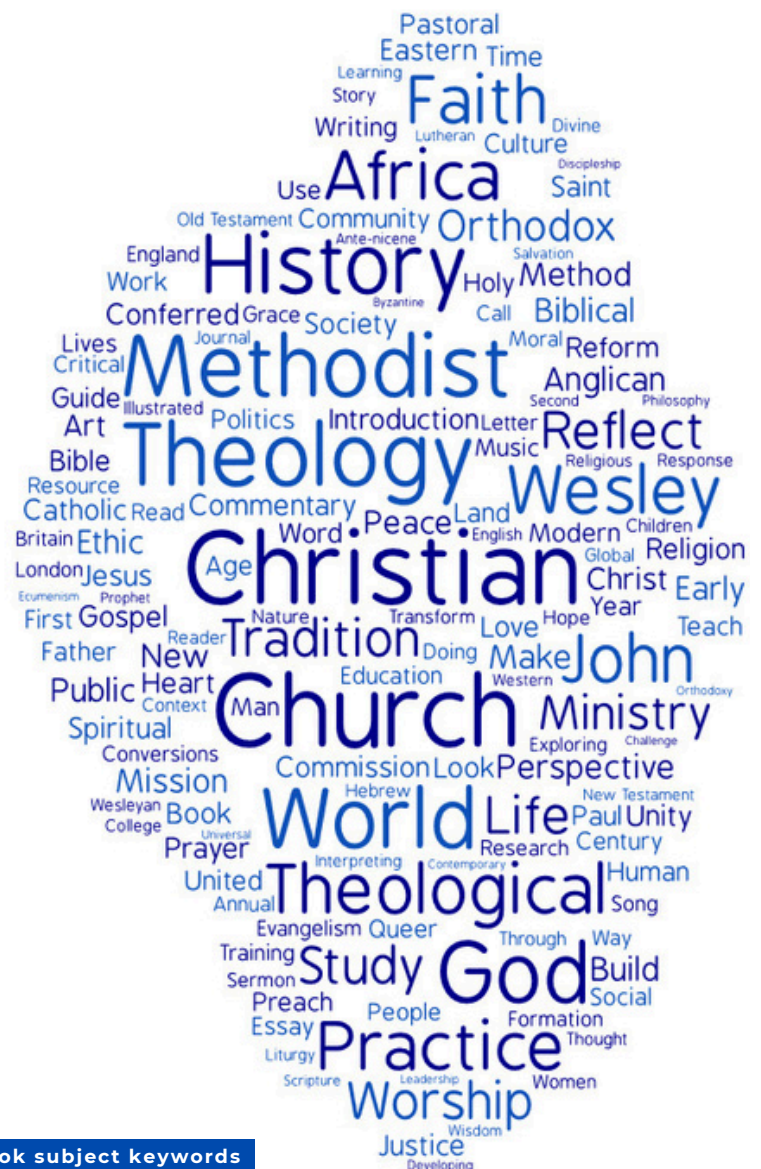
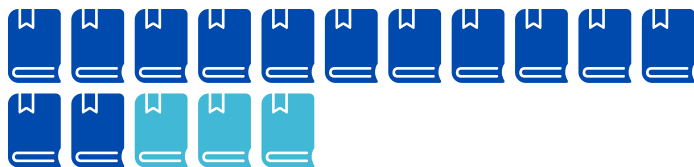
They also showcase CTF's varied, vibrant teaching and research interests:

**global Christianity, ethics,
nature and ecotheology,
children's spirituality.**

New print and ebooks



Westfield and Elias special project books



New book subject keywords

...And what you've been reading

You've read over **1500** journal articles

Chapter extracts

You've borrowed over **2200**
CTF print books

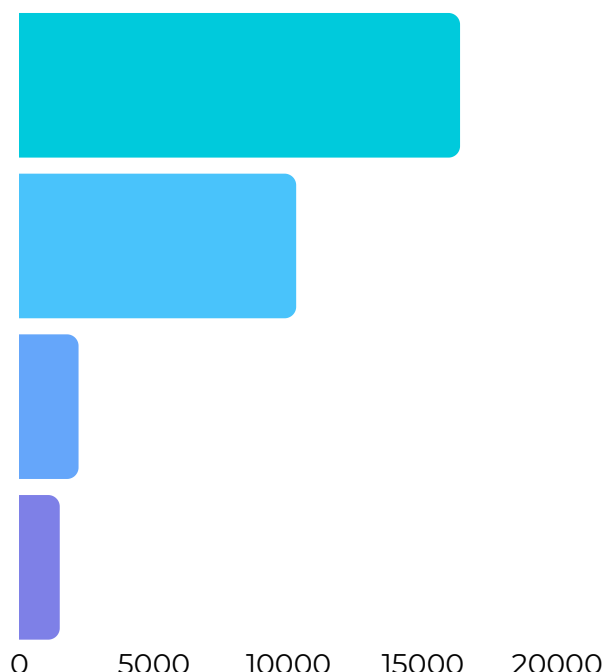
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You've read an enormous
10300 CTF ebooks

Print books

And downloaded a
staggering **16451** chapter
extracts across your courses!

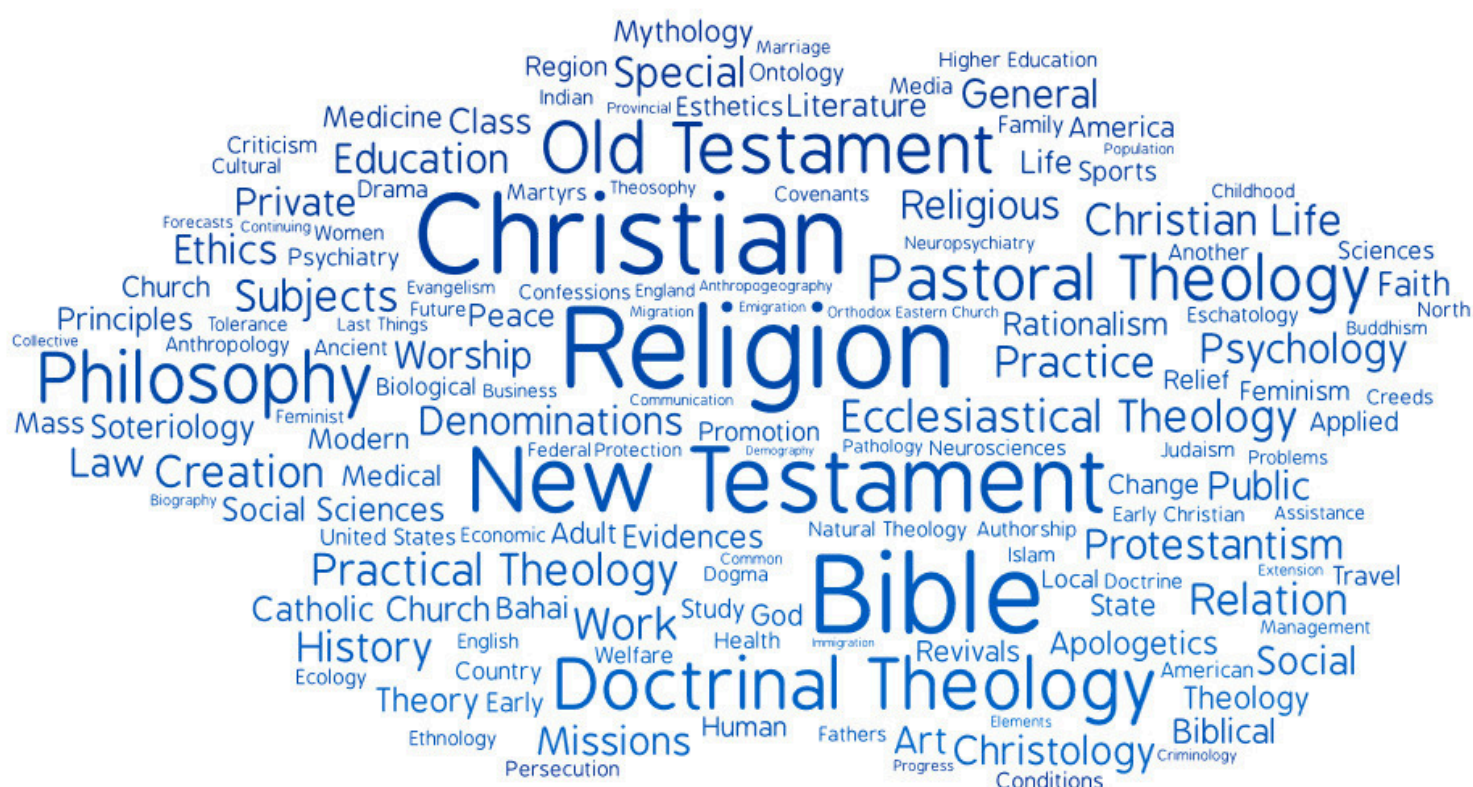
Journals



Your reading subjects

Your reading has been focused on **Biblical studies** and **doctrinal, pastoral, ecclesiastical theologies...**

There are some surprises in there too: you've also read about **neuropsychiatry**, **anthropogeography**, **aesthetics**... and much more!

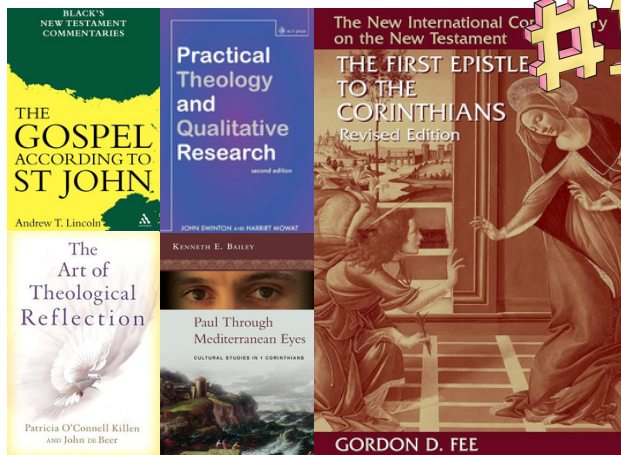


Your reading subject keywords

The CTF Top Tens 2024-25

Most borrowed print books

1. Fee, Gordon D, *The First Epistle to the Corinthians*
2. Swinton, John, and Harriet Mowat, *Practical Theology and Qualitative Research*
3. Lincoln, Andrew T, *The Gospel According to Saint John*
4. Bailey, Kenneth E, *Paul through Mediterranean Eyes: Cultural Studies in 1 Corinthians*
5. Killen, Patricia and John De Beer, *The Art of Theological Reflection*
6. Denscombe, Martyn, *The good research guide*
7. Neyrey, Jerome H, *The Gospel of John*
8. Grelot, Pierre, *The Language of Symbolism: Biblical Theology, Semantics, and Exegesis*
9. Moberly, R. W. L, *The Theology of the Book of Genesis*
10. Brown, Sally A, and Patrick D Miller, *Lament: Reclaiming Practices in Pulpit, Pew, and Public Square*

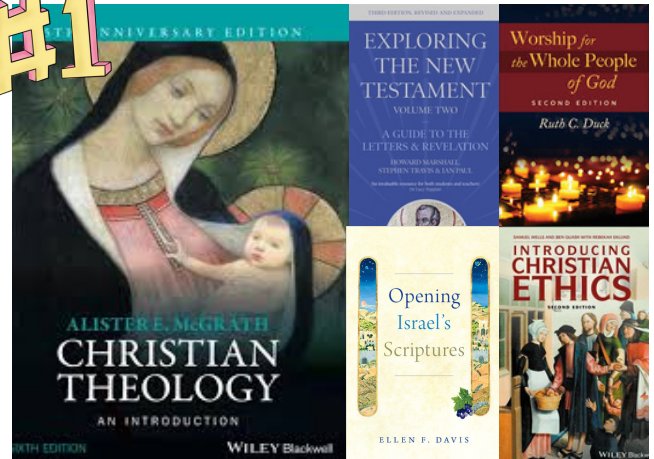


Most read journals

1. Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling
2. Worship
3. The Ecumenical Review
4. The Christian Century
5. Religions
6. International Review of Mission
7. Lutheran Quarterly
8. Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology
9. Verbum Vitae
10. Missiology: An International Review



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Most read ebooks

1. Alister E. McGrath. *Christian Theology: An Introduction*
2. David Wenham, and Steve Walton; Howard Marshall, Stephen Travis, and Ian Paul. *Exploring the New Testament, Vol 1 and Vol 2*
3. Ruth C. Duck. *Worship for the Whole People of God*
4. Ellen F. Davis. *Opening Israel's Scriptures*
5. Samuel Wells, Ben Quash, and Rebekah Eklund. *Introducing Christian Ethics*
6. Miranda Threlfall-Holmes. *The Essential History of Christianity*
7. Creech, R. Robert. *Family Systems and Congregational Life: A Map for Ministry*
8. Zoë Bennett, Elaine Graham, Stephen Pattison, and Heather Walton. *Invitation to Research in Practical Theology*
9. Carrie Doehring. *The Practice of Pastoral Care: A Postmodern Approach*
10. Barbara Bassot. *The Reflective Practice Guide: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Critical Reflection*

June Library Team Updates

Wesley House Library move

This summer, Wesley House is moving location within Cambridge. As part of this, the library is being packed up as we speak. Please be aware that Wesley Library will not be accessible to borrowers over the summer.

If you have a book from Wesley on loan currently, you will no longer be able to automatically renew it. Please return your books to Wesley as soon as possible, or get in touch with the CTF library team library@theofed.cam.ac.uk. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We hope the Wesley Library will be up and running again after the summer vacation period. Watch this space for further updates.



Wesley Library rare books getting packed and ready in the archive room

Graduand returns

Are you a 2025 leaver? Have you already left Cambridge, then suddenly realised you've accidentally packed your library books? Don't panic!

You can return your CTF library books by post: just address them to Librarian, Cambridge Theological Federation, 2 Bounds House, Lady Margaret Road, Cambridge, CB3 0BJ.

No fines and no questions! Many thanks for your help returning your books.



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

- Just as this academic year comes to an end... we're already starting work on live reading lists for next year! Each summer, we check every link on reading lists to fix broken links and update new readings. Teaching staff, if you have updates for your reading lists, please do get in touch with us.

Thank you for reading!

Contact us:	library@theofed.cam.ac.uk
Or browse all library resources:	<u>Library and Digital Resources on Hedwig</u>
