

CTF Library Newsletter

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Welcome to the November issue of the CTF Library newsletter!

A slightly chilly welcome from us in Cambridge this month, where winter is setting in! The CTF is a truly global community, but wherever you are based in the world, we have a taste of Cambridge for you this month.

We are spotlighting a collection of mid-20th century Cambridge guidebooks, offering a peek at life in the city through the decades, complete with warnings about cyclists, adverts for enduring institutions, and less-than-flattering judgements on the sermon quality (pp.3-4).

This is also the season when many students start turning their minds to dissertation planning and other research projects. Did you know you can book an appointment with the library team for support with literature searches and navigating CTF e-resources? More details on p.5.

Looking at this month's new acquisitions, a particular timely theme of striving for peace and nonviolence emerges: from grappling with Biblical violence (Lynch), to working for peace across cultures and religions (Budde, Azumah) and finding inner stillness in a difficult world (Rademacher). We also have books on academic writing (Germano), theology and mental health (Coblentz), feminist histories and leadership (Graham, King, Hyun), and much more (p.2).

Jane and Grace
The Library Team

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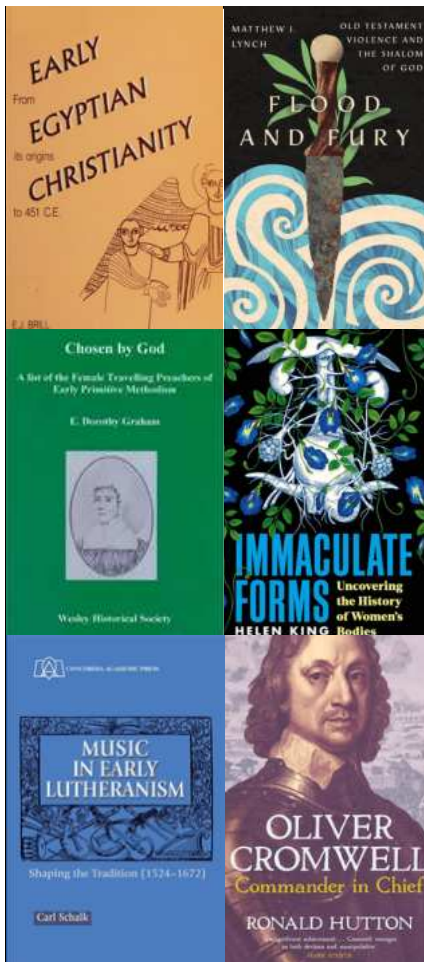
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What's new in CTF libraries?

Highlights from collections across the CTF.

- **IOCS:** Griggs, C. Wilfred, *Early Egyptian Christianity : from its origins to 451 C.E.* (1993).
- **Ridley:** Lynch, Matthew J., *Flood and Fury : Old Testament violence and the Shalom of God* (2023).
- **Wesley:** Graham, E. Dorothy, *Chosen by God : a list of the female travelling preachers of early primitive Methodism* (2010).
- **Westcott:** King, Helen, *Immaculate Forms : uncovering the history of women's bodies* (2024).
- **Westfield:** Schalk, Carl, *Music in Early Lutheranism : shaping the tradition (1524-1672)*. (2001).
- **Westminster:** Hutton, Ronald, *The Making of Oliver Cromwell* (2021).

What's new in eDiscover?

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

- Azumah, John, *Territoriality and Hospitality : Christian and Muslim Perspectives* (2024).
- Budde, Michael L., *Put Away Your Sword : gospel nonviolence in a violent world* (2024).
- Coblenz, Jessica, *Dust in the Blood : A theology of life with depression* (2022).
- Germano, William, *On Revision : the only writing that counts* (2021).
- Hyun, KeumJu Jewel, *The Quest for Gender Equity in Leadership : Biblical teachings on gender equity and illustrations of transformation in Africa* (2016).
- Rademacher, Kate H., *Reclaiming Rest: the promise of Sabbath, solitude, and stillness in a restless world* (2021).



Collection Spotlight:

A Marvellous Holiday: Cambridge through the Eyes of the 20th Century Tourist Westcott House Library's Guidebooks

This collection of guidebooks was discovered in the collection of Westcott House Library, having once belonged to "Donald and Elaine", and were in part given as gifts from former principal Rupert Hoare (1981-1993) and his wife Gesine, and George Guest, organist and choirmaster of St. John's College (1951-1991).

The receipt of these books seems to have prompted the further acquisition of a small collection – or perhaps these souvenirs were selected to add to one already in existence. Their dates of publication vary from pre-war to the 1990s, but any Cantabrigian will recognise the city there depicted within.



An institution of student life; *Gardies* has had a long and tenured history - Frank Rutter, *Guide to Cambridge*, p.xvi



Life before the package holiday in *Ward Locke's Cambridge and District*, p.2

The final page of *Picturesque Cambridge* bears a photograph of our own Westminster College at the end of a broad thoroughfare.



The post-war paper shortage; *Ward Locke's Cambridge and District*, p.12

Ward Locke's Cambridge and District

"The unhappy pedestrian," claims the Ward Lock guide, will frequently encounter "ruthless perambulators and trick-cyclists on push-bikes" who "conspire to thrust one under the motors" — perhaps not much has changed since this book was printed in the post-war years!

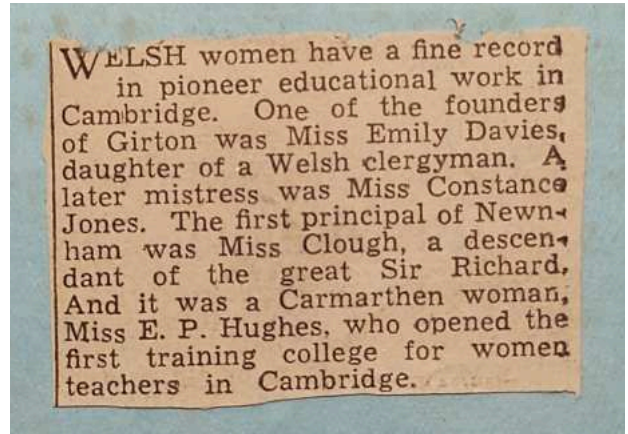
This impressively thorough guide to the colleges, halls, landmarks, events, and outlying settlements of Cambridge – rich with etymologies and pocket histories – is filled also with charming advertisements that bookend the guide proper: mostly proclaiming the virtues of destinations, holiday insurance, and suncream. Two fold-out coloured maps of the town and county, and a vibrant red paper binding, make for a comprehensive and attractive guide to the city.

Collection Spotlight Continued

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Period Piece: A Cambridge Childhood

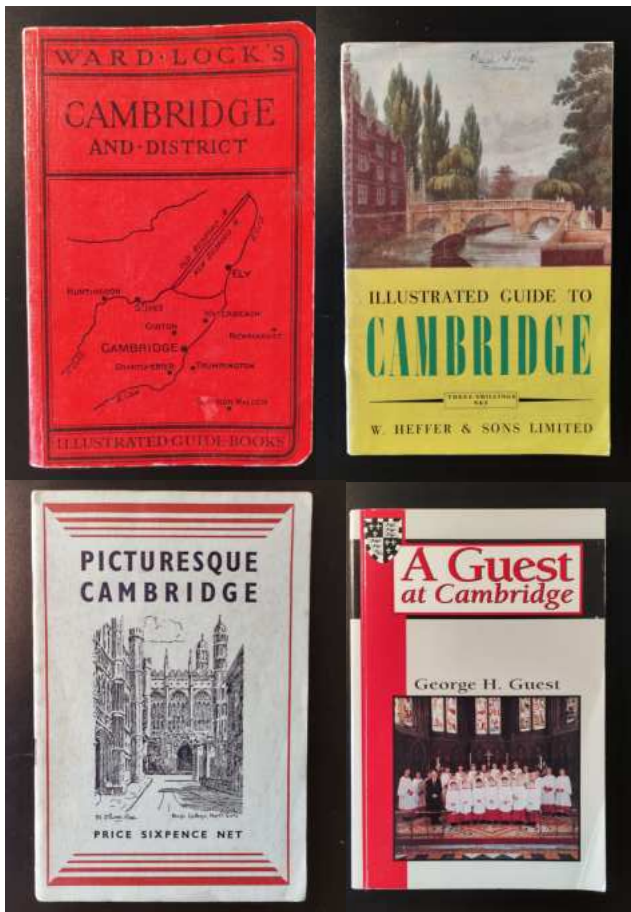
This book, first published in 1952, inscribed "From Rupert & Gesine Hoare / With very many thanks for a marvellous holiday August 1988 / The Principal's Lodge / Westcott House / Cambridge." This classic of Cambridge literature details the youth of Gwen Raverat, the granddaughter of Charles Darwin. Describing herself as belonging 'to the first hatching of Fellows' children,' Raverat notes how her mother, an American émigré of the late nineteenth-century, was less than impressed by the Cambridge theological scene, describing the Round Church as 'almost as old as the hills,' but 'the sermon was ridiculous [sic].'



This newspaper clipping, pasted in the flyleaf of *Picturesque Cambridge*, suggests the previous ownership of George Guest, a proud Welshman.



'My mother had the first lady's tricycle in Cambridge. Our dog Sancho was horrified to think that anyone belonging to him should ride such an indecent thing.' *Period Piece: A Cambridge Childhood* (1952), p.86



The deceptively sized *Illustrated Guide to Cambridge* (1937), contains this remarkable fold-out map of the city, p.85

By Grace Collingwood, CTF Library Assistant

November Library Team Updates

Book a librarian – dissertation and research support

Did you know you can book an appointment with the library team?

If you're starting to think about your dissertation, or planning a research project and would like some support to find and access the reading you need, book in a chat with us!

We can help with:

- where to search for reading
- how to get the most out of your library searches
- how to access databases and ebook platforms

We are available to book in-person appointments at the following times and places:

- Monday, 9.30-12.30 - Westminster College
- Wednesday, 13.30-16.30 - Westfield House
- Thursday, 9.30-12.30 - Westcott House
- Thursday, 13.30-16.30 - IOCS

Distance student? We are also available for Zoom appointments.

Just drop us an email at library@theofed.cam.ac.uk to book your appointment.



Internet Archive update

The [Internet Archive](#) is back online following its October cyberattack. You are now able to login and borrow books again! Find out more about their efforts to ensure their security going forwards: [Learning from cyberattacks](#).

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

- Preparing book displays for Advent and the coming Christmas period... more in next month's issue!

Thank you for reading!

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