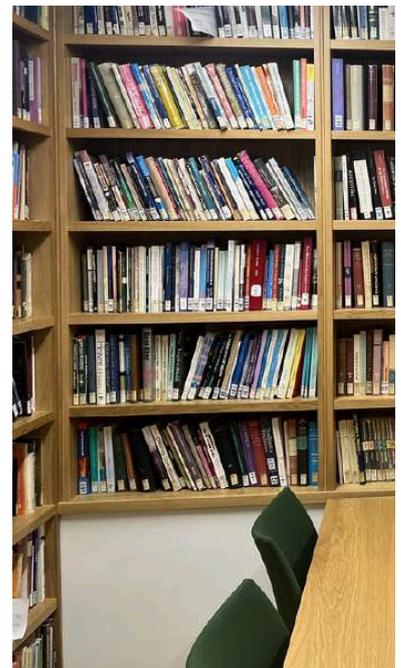
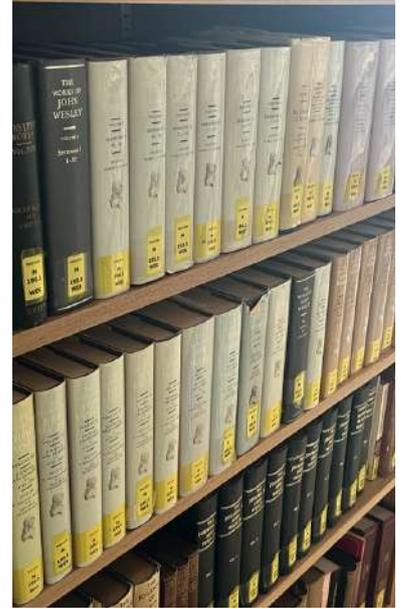


Cambridge Theological Federation Libraries

A Guide





Resources Overview



The ecumenical nature of the collections provides a wealth of resources for staff, students, researchers and sabbatical visitors.

All the libraries hold core collections that support reading lists, comprising apologetics, Biblical studies, doctrine, ecumenism, ethics, ministry, systematic, pastoral and practical theology and much else, as well as the special collections which are detailed on each page.

The CTF Library resources include:

- Over 100,000 printed volumes on the [iDiscover catalogue](#)
- Over 6,000 ebooks via our [eDiscover catalogue](#) (login required)
- A further 12,000 ebooks via the [Church of England Hub](#) (login required)
- Over 900 online journals via [Atlas PLUS](#) and EBSCO Religion and Philosophy Collection (login required)
- Special denominational collections
- Study space
- For CTF staff and students: access to print resources at Cambridge University Library and Divinity Faculty (no remote access to Cambridge e-resources)
- External membership

[Explore our digital resources on Hedwig](#) (login required)

ARU student?

You also have access to thousands of [ebooks](#) and [e-journal](#) databases at the [ARU University Library](#).

Cambridge BTh or DTM student?

You also have access to hundreds of thousands of digital resources at the [Cambridge University Library](#).

Durham Common Awards student?

You also have access to thousands of journal articles at [the Hub](#).



Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide



Admits:

All. Borrowing to members of the CTF & University of Cambridge. Please email library@cccw.cam.ac.uk or phone 01223 330642 for external access. For archives, please email archivist@cccw.cam.ac.uk to arrange an appointment. You may be required to bring along ID and/or a letter of introduction. Fees may apply.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00-13:00, 13:30-16:00.

Fridays, and weekdays in July and August: 9:00-13:00.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Global Christianity in the 21st century, including contemporary theologies and responses to contextual needs and issues such as local practices and beliefs, politics, socio-economic needs, war and conflict, and the environment. Church history and the history of mission in a diversity of world contexts. History of the evangelical mission movement, the Anglican Church and other denominations and mission, mission society histories, history of the ecumenical movement, and theologies of mission. The St Augustine Library mission studies collection. Archive collections of missionary personal papers (see website for catalogues), particularly strong for East Africa, including those of Joe Church (1899- 1985); includes substantial copied material of archives elsewhere and minor publications, sound recordings for oral history and photographs.

Address:

Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide, Westminster College,
Maddingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0AA

Access:

Ramp access to library.



The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion



Admits:

Anyone interested in consulting Faraday's library material should contact the Faraday Administrator at admin@faraday-institute.org, or the CTF librarians.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00-17:00.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Small collection of monographs tracing the interchange between Science and Religion; monographs, reports and papers by Faraday Institute Research Staff (past and present). Reference collection of the International Society for Science & Religion Library Project published by Columbia University Press (housed by arrangement in the Woolf Institute Library).

Address:

Faraday Institute, The Kessler Family Building, Maddingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0UB

Access:

The main building is approached on level ground. Lift access to all floors, including basement library.



The Institute for Orthodox Studies



Admits:

Members of the Cambridge Theological Federation & the University of Cambridge. Others by arrangement with the CTF librarians.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 10:00-18:00.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Material related to the foundations of the Christian faith in the first millennium, primary sources for Orthodox liturgical theology, as well as extensive treatment of Byzantine history and art, Russian church history and spirituality. It has a good collection of Orthodox theological scholarship in the twentieth century.

Address:

Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, Jesus Lane, Cambridge CB5 8BJ

Access:

The library is on the ground floor and is accessed by one small step from street level.

Margaret Beaufort **Institute of Theology**



Admits:

Members of the Cambridge Theological Federation & the University of Cambridge. Others by arrangement with the CTF librarians.

Opening Hours:

The Margaret Beaufort Institute library is currently in storage and not accessible. We apologise for the inconvenience. For any queries, please contact the CTF librarians at library@theofed.cam.ac.uk.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Material related to the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican documents, Bishop's Conference of England and Wales documents, Mariology, and Feminist Theology. Donations from the libraries of Professor Emeritus Nicholas Lash (including a special collection of works on Cardinal Newman)

Address:

Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, The Kessler Family Building,
Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0UB

Access:

The main building is approached on level ground. Lift access to all floors.



Ridley Hall



Admits:

Members of the CTF. Due to limited desks, Ridley students have priority for study space. University of Cambridge students and external members may register to borrow from Ridley library, but may not use the library as a study space. Please contact library@theofed.cam.ac.uk to register.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-14:00 (term-time).

Friday: 8:00-12:00. (term-time).

Outside of term-time, these hours may vary.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Material related to the Church of England, Evangelism, Spirituality, Apologetics, Christianity & the Arts, Christianity & Science. Eighteenth Century private library of books & pamphlets belonging to Revd Robert Cecil; Papers of Charles Simeon, evangelical leader (1759-1836); Letters of Henry Martyn; Letters from John Newton to John Thornton (1773-1778).

Address:

Ridley Hall, Ridley Hall Road, Cambridge, CB3 9HG

Access:

Entrance to the college is accessible via a ramp with handrails, and through an archway with levelled tiles and paving. The courtyard and gardens are all accessible by slabbed paved paths and some gravel. The basement library is accessed via external stone steps with a handrail, or via a platform lift.



Wesley House



Admits:

Members of the Cambridge Theological Federation and of the University of Cambridge. Others by arrangement with the CTF librarians. To apply to access the library or archive at Wesley House as an external user or researcher, please contact the college at office@wesley.cam.ac.uk.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00-17:00

The library will be closed from 20 June 2025 whilst Wesley relocates to new central Cambridge premises. The library will reopen in September 2025.

Holdings and Special Collections:

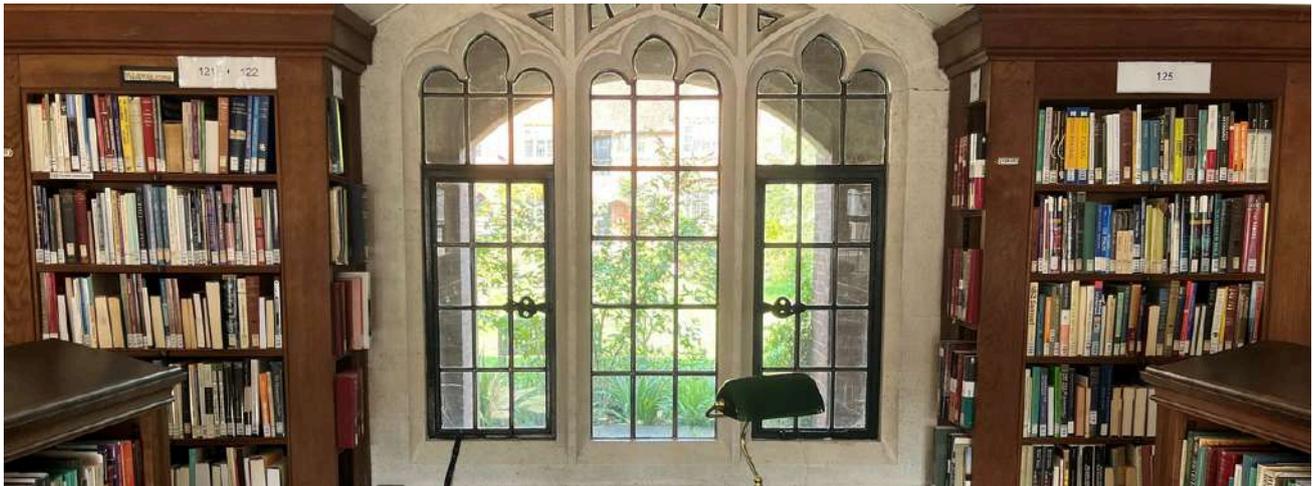
Within its broad general collection, the library has specialisms in Christian ethics, African theology, and pastoral theology. There is also a specialist Methodist library of 4,000-4,500 volumes. These include: a long run of the Arminian/Methodist Magazine from volume 1 to about 1880; some collections of 19th-century pamphlets; a near-complete run of Wesleyan Conference Minutes and of British Methodism since Union; Minutes of Methodist Conference, a range of early writings by and/or about Methodists (and their antecedents), early Methodist periodicals.

Address:

Wesley House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8BJ

Access:

The main building is approached by level ground. Lift and stair access to first floor.



Westcott House



Admits:

Members of the Cambridge Theological Federation and of the University of Cambridge. Others by arrangement with the CTF librarians.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:30-17:00

Holdings and Special Collections:

Material related to the Church of England and Anglo-Catholicism, Roman Catholicism including the Catholic Reformation, Liberation Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Medieval Church History, Feminist Studies, Ecumenism, and Liturgy.

Address:

Westcott House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge, CB5 8BP

Access:

The main entrance has access through the archway onto the terrace with no steps. There are steps leading down from the terrace into Old Court and the surrounding buildings with no ramp or lift access currently. Old Court can also be accessed via the car park entrance which has no steps.

The library is situated under our cloister area and can be accessed via concrete ramps leading up from Old Court. There are 9 well-spaced desks at which to work separated by large bookcases and there is a fairly narrow aisle which runs down the centre.



Westfield House



Admits:

Members of the Cambridge Theological Federation and University of Cambridge as a reading library only. For access, please make an appointment by contacting the Principal, Cynthia Lumley, cl767@cam.ac.uk or 01223 354331

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00-18:00, other times by arrangement.

Holdings and Special Collections:

The library concentrates its acquisitions on English language works and periodicals on Luther, Lutheranism, and the Reformation as well as catering more generally to the needs of its Liberal Arts & Sciences and Theology students, including subjects such as English literature, philosophy and Christianity and the arts.

Address:

Westfield House, 30 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, CB3 0HH

Access:

The library is located across three rooms on the ground floor. Access to the building is through a gravel drive and one doorstep.



Westminster College



Admits:

Members, associates and residents of the College, ministers of the URC, and members of the Cambridge Theological Federation and University of Cambridge. Others by arrangement with the CTF librarians.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:30-18:00. Consultation of special collections or archival materials by appointment with the archivist at hw374@westminster.cam.ac.uk.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Material related to the the history and theology of the Reformed and Dissenting traditions, traditions in England and the UK, and the URC. Biblical studies. Elias Library of Hymnology. Huguenot Collection. Rupp Collection. URC History Society library and archives. Archives of the Presbyterian Church of England, and of the Churches of Christ. Westminster College archives, including manuscripts given to the College by Mrs Lewis and Mrs Gibson. Cheshunt College archives, including letters to Selina, Countess of Huntingdon.

Address:

Westminster College, Madingley Road, Cambridge, CB3 0AA

Access:

The main building is approached by a wheelchair access ramp or by steps. There is flat access to all areas on the ground floor. Stepped access to the library is via stairs off the main hallway. A lift is available in the residential wing giving access to all residential floors for wheelchair users. A small wheelchair lift gives access via the first floor to the Library.



Woolf Institute



Admits:

Members of CTF and the University of Cambridge. Members of St Edmund's College. Members of the Cambridge Muslim College have reciprocal reading rights. Others by arrangement with the Woolf Librarian at library@woolf.cam.ac.uk.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00-17:00; Friday: 9:00-14:00.

Holdings and Special Collections:

Material related to Jewish, Christian, Muslim studies and relations between the Abrahamic religions; Holocaust; Biblical and Qur'anic texts; Talmud, Biblical commentaries; historical background; Socio-Political Studies; Philosophy; Mysticism; Spirituality; the Arts. Brill Encyclopedia of Islam; Encyclopaedia Judaica. Small archive tracing the history of the Institute. [The Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Library Collection](#)

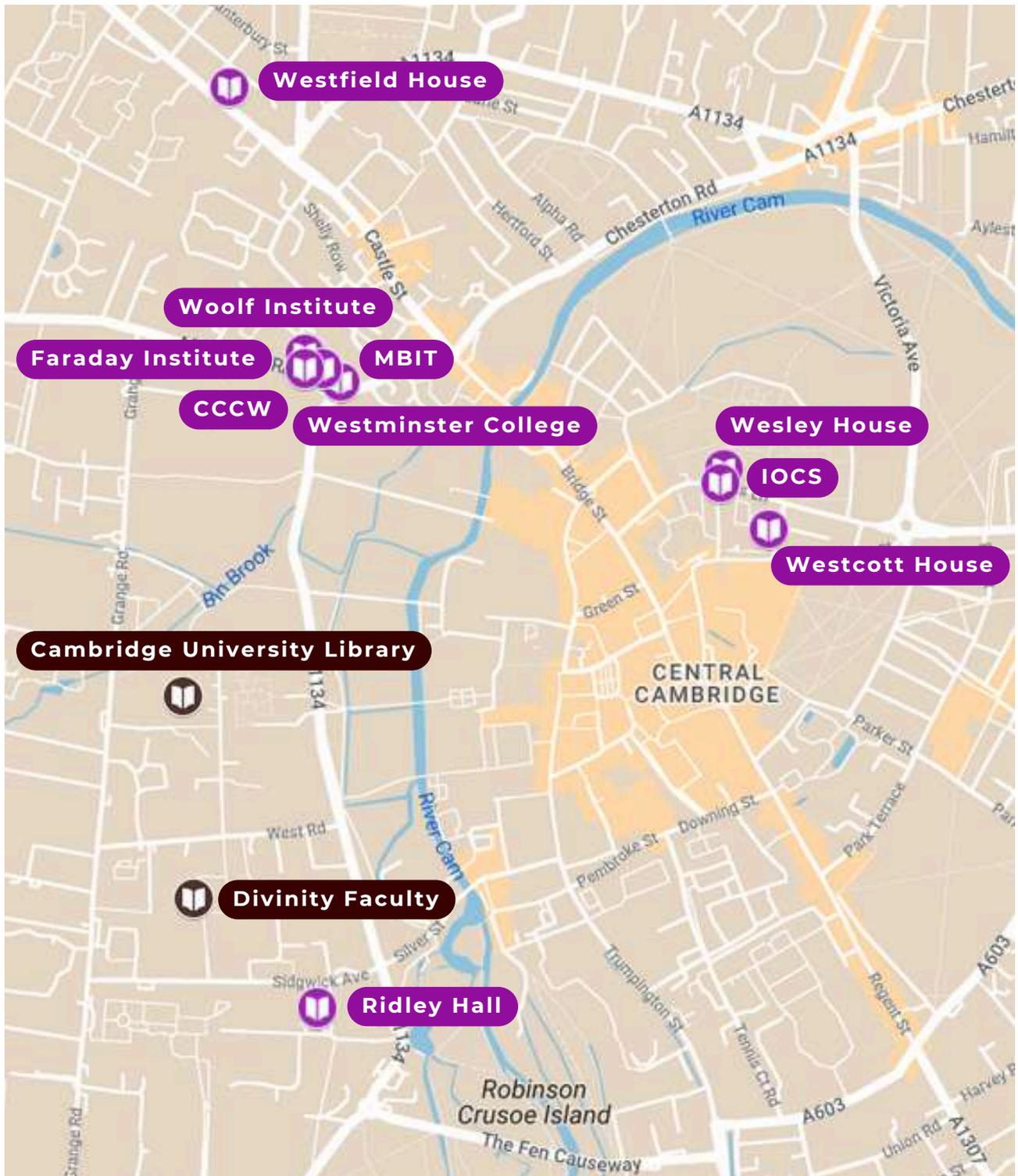
Address:

Woolf Institute, The Kessler Family Building, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0UB

Access:

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Contact

General enquiries: library@theofed.cam.ac.uk