THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR METHODISM AND CHURCH HISTORY

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ABOUT THE CENTRE

- The Centre promotes historic links between Oxford Brookes University and the Methodist Church through archives, artworks, publications and research.

- Supervision of research students who wish to study aspects of religious and Methodist history for the degrees of MA, MPhil, and PhD. Recent projects have investigated early Methodist finances, John Wesley’s ideas of education, and religion in eighteenth-century workhouses.

- Working in partnership with other centres of research into religion and Methodism to deliver lectures, seminars, and conferences.

- Publications programme that includes two journals, Wesley and Methodist Studies and The Journal of Religious History Literature and Culture. Professor William Gibson is editor of the Routledge Methodist Studies series.

- Appointment of visiting research fellows whose interests relate to the Centre’s collections and expertise. Recent fellows have researched aspects of eighteenth-century revivals; evangelical literary culture; Anglicanism in the eighteenth century; Non-jurists, and Anglican-Methodist re-union.

- Oxford has a rich past in relation to Methodism. It can claim to be the birthplace of the movement, where John and Charles Wesley’s small ‘religious society’ first met from 1729.
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Centre’s collections are a resource of global standing for research into Methodism and aspects of religion in Britain from 1700.

WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

Internationally significant collection of archives, books, pamphlets, and images about British Methodism.

ARCHIVES

- Westminster College (London & Oxford)
- Avec Church and Community Consultancy
- Records of the Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies
- Documents relating to Anglican-Methodist Union
- Archives of Bletchley Park/Lady Spencer-Churchill College

PAPERS OF LEADING 20TH-CENTURY METHODISTS

- Dr Francis Bartels, Ghanaian educator
- Rev Dr Donald English, British and world Methodist leader
- Rev Bill Gowland, pioneer of industrial chaplaincy
- Rev Dr Colin Morris, broadcaster and writer
- Prof W.R. [Reg] Ward, historian

ART COLLECTIONS

- James Smetham Collection, works of a pre-Raphaelite associate
- Methodist Church House collection: portraits and other pictures relating to the history of the Methodist Church
- Westminster College and Bletchley Park College collections, includes works by John Piper, Evelyn Dunbar and Duncan Grant.

DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

- British Methodist Buildings
- Wesley family manuscripts
- Methodist portrait prints
- 1930s Methodist conference cartoons, and more
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