



**St John's College Library**

**SUBJECT GUIDE:**  
**THEOLOGY**

# Resources for Theology

## 1. Books

Theology has always played a significant part in the teaching and research of this college, and the collection has been built up over many centuries, continuing to provide a broad range of materials for today's student of religion.

The main theology section is to be found in the Garden wing, First floor, with books on religion shelved at classmarks beginning with BL-BX.

A brief outline of where subjects of relevance to theology are located follows:

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| BS 1-2970    | Bibles and commentaries        |
| BS 701-1830  | Old Testament                  |
| BS 1901-2970 | New Testament                  |
| BR 140-1500  | Christian Church history       |
| BR 60-67     | Patristics and classical texts |
| BR 1690-1725 | Christian biography            |
| BX           | Christian denominations        |
| BT           | Christian doctrine             |
| BV           | Christian practical theology   |
| BV 5-530     | Liturgy and worship            |
| BM           | Judaism                        |
| BQ           | Buddhism                       |
| BL 1100-1295 | Hinduism                       |
| BP           | Islam                          |
| BL           | Religion in general            |

## 2. Journals

All of the Library's journal holdings, listed by subject, are available via the website:

[www.joh.cam.ac.uk/journals](http://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/journals)

The Library takes a number of relevant journals. The unbound parts are kept in the Current Periodicals Area on the Ground floor, bound volumes are in journal sequence in the main Penrose section of the First floor, older backruns may be found in the open access basement, shelved alphabetically by title or name of institution.

|  | <i>Classmark</i>    | <i>Holdings</i>      |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i> | BR 140.J6           | Vol.1- (1950-)       |
| <i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>    | BR 1.T4             | Vol.1-50 (1900-49)   |
|  | JOU (Basement)      |                      |
| [ <i>New Series</i> ]                    | BR 1.T5 (1950-2012) | Vol.1-63 (1950-2012) |
| <i>New Testament Studies</i>             | BS 410.N4           | Vol.1- (1954-)       |
| <i>Revue d'Histoire Ecclesiastique</i>   | BR 140.R4           | Vol.75- (1980-)      |

Ejournals can be searched via [eresources@cambridge](mailto:eresources@cambridge) (see below for more information).

## 3. Special Collections

The [Special Collections](#) held in the Old Library contain certain material that might be of interest to those working on theological topics. The [early printed books](#) contain several thousand religious texts, sermons and tracts dating from the Reformation and Counter-Reformation in Europe, such as Foxe's *Book of martyrs* or the unique copy of the *Trattato utilissimo del beneficio di Giesu Christo crocifisso verso i Christiani* in the Ferrari collection, as well as many early editions of the Bible and other sacred texts. These latter include copies of the [first Welsh Bible](#) translated by the College's own William Morgan in 1588, and what is traditionally held to have been [Thomas Cromwell's hand-coloured copy of the Great Bible of 1539](#). The College's [manuscripts](#) contain numerous religious texts, and incorporate a wealth of [religious imagery in their decoration and illumination](#). Please ask the [Special Collections Librarian](#), if you would like to explore these resources further.

### 3. *Electronic Resources*

The Library Gateway provides a complete guide to electronic resources available across the University:

[www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources/index.php](http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/eresources/index.php)

Select 'Religion' from the drop-down menu. Key resources include:

Acta Sanctorum Database

ATLA Religion Database

Cambridge Histories Online

MUSE (Project MUSE)

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy

The Stanford encyclopaedia of philosophy is also available online:

[plato.stanford.edu](http://plato.stanford.edu)

*Note: A Raven password is required for online access off-campus.*

#### **Recommendations**

The College Library aims to provide all works necessary for Part One courses, and a selection of the most important works required for Part Two. We receive reading lists from the departmental libraries in advance of each academic year, and continually update the Library collections in response to requests from Directors of Studies, supervisors, and students. If texts you require for your course are not available in the College Library, please talk to a member of Library staff. Recommendation cards for new purchases can be found at the Issue Desk, and all reasonable requests will be considered.

#### **Help**

**If you have any difficulty in tracing the material you need, whether in printed or electronic format, please ask a member of Library staff for assistance.**