

Pusey House Library & Archive Newsletter



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We hope you've enjoyed this term and the return to a more "normal" way of life that it has brought.

We've been busy here in the Library and Archive. It's been lovely to see lots of readers taking part in the fully revived Scriptorium (with free sandwich lunch!), and to be able to help researchers get back into working with physical rare books and archival materials. Our start-of-year party on 26th October was a great success, with far more attendees than expected.

This term has seen two small exhibitions in the reading room: a selection of our "treasures" to entertain the guests at the start-of-year party, and then a display of some archival items relating to Bishop Edward King, to mark Bishop Michael Marshall's Recollection Lecture. If you visit the reading room next week, you will see another display, as we exhibit a new Pusey letter recently bought for the Archive. This is a short but fascinating note, in which Pusey apologises for missing an appointment during his final illness.

We will be open until 5:25pm on 17th December, after which we'll take our usual two-week Christmas break. We hope that those of you we won't see beforehand have a happy and peaceful Christmas. Please stay safe and well, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.



*A photo of Newman found inside one of our copies of
'Verses on Various Occasions'*

Newmania

Following on from our report in the last Newsletter, we're delighted to announce that our Newman archives are fully live on NINS Digital Collections!

As you may remember, NINS Digital Collections is a free, easy-to-use digital archive of all things Newman - letters, photographs, official documents, and more. It's run by the USA's National Institute for Newman Studies, who have very generously funded the digitisation of the Pusey House materials.

From Pusey to Plummer, thank-you notes to theological debates, we hope you enjoy exploring our Newman archive from the comfort of your electronic device, wherever you are. Your Librarian has written a short guide to the collections that may help you pinpoint what you'd like to look at: <https://newmanreview.org/2021/12/08/pusey-house-oxford-joins-nins-digital-collections/>.

Please do contact pusey.librarian@stx.ox.ac.uk if you have any queries, or if you would like to come and see the physical items.

The Oxford Posada

Some of you might remember the Oxford Posada from Christmas 2018, when the previous Librarian, Anna James, set it up. It's a tiny nativity scene that travels from library to library, raising money for student mental-health charity Oxford Nightline. The idea is based on the Latin American tradition of *las posadas*, where nativity figures visit different houses in a town or village during Advent.

We're excited to announce that our Posada is back in action this year, visiting libraries every weekday from 1st to 16th December. then returning to Pusey House on 17th. Please look out for the little Holy Family, give a donation to Nightline if you can, and take a small library gift as a thank-you.



New Books

Here's a selection of the Library's most recent acquisitions. For more, take a look at the New Books Trolley.

Elm, S. and Blunda, T. (eds.) (2021). *The late (wild) Augustine*. Leiden: Brill.

Karłowicz, T. (2021). *The sacramental vision of Edward Bouverie Pusey*. London: Bloomsbury.

Kutz, K. V. and Josberger, R. L. (2018). *Learning Biblical Hebrew: reading for comprehension: an introductory grammar*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

Ledger-Lomas, M. (2021). *Queen Victoria: this thorny crown*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Mason, E. (2018). *Christina Rossetti: poetry, ecology, faith*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ward, M. (2021). *After humanity: a guide to C. S. Lewis's "The abolition of man"*. London: HarperOne.

Williams, R. (2021). *Looking East in winter: contemporary thought and the Eastern Christian tradition*. London: Bloomsbury.

The Foundation of Pusey House

One of last year's Chapel Interns, Jack Nicholson, has written a really interesting article about the early history of Pusey House, for the *Opening Oxford 1871-* project. *Opening Oxford 1871-* aims to explore how Oxford changed after the 1871 Universities Tests Act abolished the legal requirement for all students to be Anglicans. One of the unforeseen consequences of this Act was the founding of Pusey House!

You can read Jack's article at <https://openingoxford1871.web.ox.ac.uk/article/the-foundation-of-pusey-house>. Look out for images from the Pusey House Archive, and for more Pusey content in the upcoming project exhibition, *Oxford Re-Formed*.

Volunteer Update

Kathryn Peak, our Preservation Volunteer since 2019, recently moved on to a new job as Library Assistant at Magdalen College Library. Congratulations, Kathryn!

Joining us now for one afternoon a week is Alec Coker-Taney, an A-Level student from Eynsham. Alec has made a brilliant start with us, shelving returns, sorting through donations, and generally helping out around the Library.

Thank you very much to all our volunteers for their hard work!

