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THE 65th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE CATHOLIC RECORD SOCIETY

Helen Kilburn

24th-26th July | Hinsley Hall, Headingley, Leeds (UK)
Helen Kilburn, CRS Conference Secretary

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The CRS is delighted to issue a call for papers for the annual conference which will take place at Hinsley Hall, Leeds UK from Monday 24th July to Wednesday 26th July 2023.

Keynote speakers are:

Professor John Morrill, University of Cambridge

Paper title: New technologies, new perspectives: Interrogating Oliver Cromwell and Catholics

Dr Ayshah Johnston, Black Cultural Archives

Paper title: The role of women religious in the nineteenth-century Caribbean

Dr Jamie Callison, University of Agder

Paper title: "Fools to the World": Transatlantic Connections in the Twentieth-Century Arts and Crafts and Retreats Movements.

We are pleased to invite proposals for papers in the following formats:

- Themed panels of three 20-minute papers. Please indicate the panel organiser.
- Individual 20-minute papers.
- Work-in-progress 10-minute papers.

A Zoom livestream of the conference will be made available but speakers are expected to attend in person unless otherwise agreed with the Conference Director.

Submissions should include a 300-word abstract and a short CV for each speaker and be sent to: conferences@crs.org.uk by Friday **14th April 2023**. Registration will open on 1st May and closing on Sunday 2nd July for in person attendees. Online attendees will be able to register until Sunday 23rd July.

Full details can be found here: <https://www.crs.org.uk/conferences>

MEMBERS' NEWS

Publications

We look forward to welcoming the five-volume *Oxford History of British and Irish Catholicism* published by Cambridge University Press this autumn. Many of the editors and contributors are members of the Catholic Record Society. The upcoming issue of *British Catholic History* will include a roundtable discussion with the editors on the history of British and Irish Catholicism, its past, present and future. More details on individual chapters and authors are located here: <https://global.oup.com/academic/content/series/o/oxford-history-of-british-and-irish-catholicism-ohbic/?cc=gb&lang=en&>

John McCafferty (University College Dublin) and James E. Kelly (University of Durham) - General Editors of the Series and Editors of Volume I: *Endings and New Beginnings, 1530-1640*

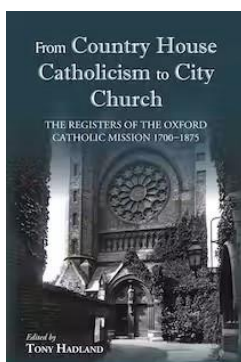
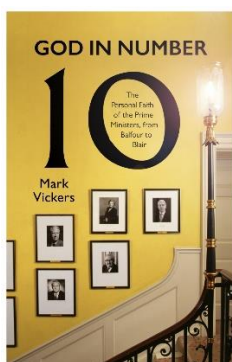
John Morrill (University of Cambridge) and Liam Temple (University of Durham), Editors of Volume 2: *Uncertainty and Change, 1641-1745*

Liam Chambers (Mary Immaculate College), Editor of Volume 3: *Relief, Revolution, and Revival: 1746-1829*

Carmen M. Mangion (Birkbeck, University of London) and Susan O'Brien (University of Cambridge), Editors of Volume 4: *Building Identity, 1830-1913*

Alana Harris (Kings London), Editor of Volume 5: *Recapturing the Apostolate of the Laity, 1914-2021*

Also, congratulations to members Mark Vickers on the publication of *God in Number 10: The Personal Faith of the Prime Ministers, from Balfour to Blair* (SPCK) and Tony Hadland on his edited volume, *From Country House Catholicism to City Church: The Registers of the Oxford Catholic Mission 1700-1875* (Boydell and Brewer).



Awards

Warm congratulations to Katherine Emery whose article 'Destruction, Deconstruction, and Dereliction: Music for St Thomas of Canterbury during the Reformation and Counter-Reformation, 1530-1600', published in the May 2022 issue, was awarded the *British Catholic History* Best Article Prize.

Obituaries

With sadness, we note the death of several of our members.



Michael Hodgetts, the esteemed historian of early modern English Catholic communities and undisputed expert on priest-holes died on 12 December 2022. *Secret Hiding Places* (1989) was the most notable of Michael's numerous publications situating Catholics in the early days of the Penal Laws. His final volume of original historical sources associated with Little Malvern Court will be published by the Catholic Record Society in 2023. Michael

was also the editor of the journal of the Catholic Record Society, *Recusant History* (now *British Catholic History*), and of its Records volumes. The Catholic Record Society will also be publishing a volume of essays in tribute to Michael's huge contribution to the Society. He was an active contributor to the Worcestershire and Staffordshire Catholic History Societies later becoming Chair of the merger of the two, the Midland Catholic History Society. He was also editor of *Midland Catholic History*. Michael was also active in preserving historical knowledge. He managed the long-term programme of renovation at Harvington Hall in Worcestershire later becoming general director and vice-chair of its trustees. He was a member of the Birmingham Archdiocesan Historical Commission, and in 1990 Pope John Paul II made him a Knight of St Gregory the Great. The Catholic Record Society will also be publishing a volume of essays in tribute to Michael's huge contribution to the Society.



Canon Father **Tony Harding**, a long-standing member of the CRS and frequent conference attendee died on 29 January 2023. He was for decades archivist of the Diocese of Clifton and he is author of *Clifford of Clifton (1823-1893): England's Youngest Catholic Bishop* (Alexander House, 2011).

Source: <https://cliftondiocese.com/news/r-i-p-canon-anthony-harding/>

George Sutton, who died on 11 February 2023, aged 79, was a member of the Catholic Record Society for almost 40 years. Having taken a first in History and Politics at Keel University, he embarked on a career in finance, first as a stockbroker in London from where he moved a few years later to take up in post in the County Treasurer's Department of North Yorkshire County Council in 1979. George retained his interest in history, particularly local and Catholic history, and joined CRS in the early 1980s. Soon after that he made the serendipitous discovery that Judith Close (later Smeaton) a colleague who worked in North Yorkshire County Record Office, was the society's conference secretary. He attended his first conference in 1986 and from then on became a regular presence at conferences, often travelling with Judith and Dr. Leo Gooch, CRS secretary, who also became a good friend. In 2003 George took on the role of Treasurer for CRS, which he held until 2009. His knowledge of the workings of the society, combined with financial expertise, made him uniquely qualified for the post, as was clearly demonstrated during his term of office and during the years 2016

to 2019, when he served as one of the Society's four Custodial Trustees. His wisdom and friendship are much missed.

If you are aware of news concerning individual CRS members, such as awards and publications, or of any members who have died in the recent past, please inform the Membership Secretary (membership@crs.org.uk) so that items may be included in the newsletter in future.

RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS 2023

Bill Sheils, Chair of the Awards Committee

Thanks to the generosity of the late Dr David Rogers and the late Mgr Michael E. Williams, who were both members of the Society, we are able to offer small annual grants. These are to support specific research projects or, occasionally, to assist with the publication of research in British and Irish Catholic History. The amounts awarded do not usually exceed £1000.

There is no application form; applicants are asked instead to give a brief account of the proposed research project, stressing its significance, and indicating likely plans for publication. This should be accompanied by detailed costings, and a short CV with the names of two referees.

Applications should be addressed to the Chair of the Awards Committee, Professor Bill Sheils, at bill.sheils@york.ac.uk by 1 July 2023.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22-24 May 2023: Catholic Archives Society conference will be held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. The programme and booking form can be found here:

<https://catholicarchivesociety.org/training-events/conference-2023/>

3 June 2023: The 26th York Catholic History Day will take place at the Bar Convent. This year's speakers will cover aspects of Catholic education in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Sr. Patricia Harriss, cj, will talk about 'The Bar Convent and Nineteenth Century Catholic Education in York', Fr. David Lannon about 'Candidates and Pupil Teachers in Salford Diocese from 1873 to 1902' and Helen Knight about 'Secondary Schools for Catholic Girls – the response to government requirements from 1900'. The programme will begin at 10.30 and includes a long lunch break, so that participants have time to visit the exhibition at the Bar Convent Heritage Centre which includes a new display about Saint Margaret Clitherow and how her relic came to be housed in the Bar Convent Chapel. More information is available on the Bar Convent website <https://www.bar-convent.org.uk/events.php>. Full details will be available in May and will be published on the CRS website. If you are not already on the mailing list please contact Judith Smeaton for more information: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com.

9 June 2023: The Historians of Women Religious of Britain and Ireland (H-WRBI) annual conference will be held at Roehampton University on the theme of mission and movement. The full programme will follow in due course at <https://historyofwomenreligious.org/annual-conference/>

11-13 July 2023: The fourth biennial Early Modern British and Irish Catholicism conference, jointly organised by Durham University and the University of Notre Dame, will concentrate on the relationship between politics and British and Irish Catholicism. More information and the

conference programme can be found here: <https://www.durham.ac.uk/research/institutes-and-centres/catholic-studies/about-us/events/embic-iv/>

Members are welcome to publicise any forthcoming public events related to the work of CRS. Please contact the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - DUE 1 APRIL 2023

Carmen M. Mangion (Membership Secretary)

The annual subscription remains at £43 for UK members and £68 for international members. Payment can be made by any of the following methods:

- a) **Bankers' (Standing) Order.** The Banker's Order form can be requested from the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk. To set up a Bankers' Order we ask that you complete the reference box by using your full name (surname then first name) which will enable us to identify your payment on the CRS bank statements.

If you have set up a Bankers' Order, thank you, but we ask you to check the amount to make sure you are paying the current amount (see above) and, if not, to make the amendment before the end of March.

- b) **Online bank transfer** to the Catholic Record Society:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

Account No. 11471579

Sort code 16-00-16.

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- c) **PayPal** for International Members who have a Paypal account.

Email membership@crs.org.uk to request payment via this method and the Membership Secretary will send you an invoice.

- d) **Cheques** can be made out to the Catholic Record Society and sent to the CRS Membership Secretary at 54 Highgate Hill, London N19 5NQ.

If you have received this newsletter by post, this is because we do not have an email address for you. If you do use email, please send your email address to the Membership Secretary at membership@crs.org.uk. If you do not have access to email, we will continue to send the newsletter by post for the foreseeable future.