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LEADERSHIP AND
ADVOCACY:
CELEBRATING 70
YEARS OF ABTAPL

OXFORD

26-28 March 2026

Conference Programme

WEDNESDAY

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford

Afternoon Early arrivals check-in

18:00-19:30 Early arrivals dinner (location TBD;
Express interest when booking)

THURSDAY

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford

10:00 - 12:00 Delegate check-in / Committee meeting

13:00-15:30 Tours of the Stephen A. Schwarzman
Centre for the Humanities Library and
the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies
Library

17:00-18:00 Drinks reception, Wycliffe Hall

18:00-19:30 Evening meal, Wycliffe Hall

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FRIDAY AM

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford

- 9:30 *Welcome to Wycliffe Hall*
Revd Dr Michael Lloyd, Principal of Wycliffe Hall
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- 9:45 *Teaching with Special Collections*
Kirsty Stewart
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- 10:30 *The challenges and opportunities of integrating
theological collections*
Paul Carlyle
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- 11:15 Refreshments Break
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- 11:45 - 12:30 Short greetings from international colleagues
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- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

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FRIDAY PM

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford

13:30 - 14:15 Tour of Wycliffe Hall Library

14:15 - 15:00 *Managing Up: Building Effective Relationships with your Manager*
Helen Rimmer

15:00 - 15:30 Refreshments Break

15:30 - 16:15 *The Value of Leadership Development for Theological Librarians*
Myka Kennedy Stephens

16:15 - 16:30 *Leadership & the Roy Graham Library*
Navena Borcsok

18:00 Conference Dinner

19:30 Reflections from former ABTAPL chairs

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SATURDAY

Yarnton Manor, Oxford

9:00	Transport to Yarnton Manor from Wycliffe Hall
9:30	ABTAPL AGM (hybrid)
10:00	Refreshment Break
10:30	Panel book launch for <i>Theological Libraries in the UK and Ireland</i> chaired by Anna James
11:30	Teach Meets
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Depart no 1. Transport to Oxford Rail Station
13:30	Optional tour of Yarnton Manor
14:30	Depart no 2. Transport to Oxford Rail Station

Conference Speakers

KIRSTY STEWART

Scottish and University Collections Archivist at the University of Edinburgh

PAUL CARLYLE

Curator of Non-Conformist Collections at the John Rylands Research Institute and Library, Manchester University

HELEN RIMMER

The Kind Brave Leader: Kindness and Wellbeing Coaching, Training and Consultancy; founder of Empower: the Library skills collective.

MYKA KENNEDY STEPHENS

Founder of FOSGAIL Coaching, Consulting and Leadership Development; Editor in Chief of Books@Atla Open Press

NEVENA BORCSOK

Nevena is the Librarian at Newbold College of Higher Education

MARK STIRLING

Librarian at the Highland Theological College Library

LOUISA HUGHES

Librarian at Newbold College of Higher Education

CLEMENS GRESSER

Heythrop Librarian at Heythrop Library

ROB BRADSHAW

Webmaster at Theology on the Web; former Academic Librarian at Spurgeon's College