Wesley House Cambridge















Prospectus





















Our Vision

Wesley House is a reflective, cross-cultural community of prayer and study for students and scholars in the Wesleyan Tradition.

Wesley House was founded in 1921 to train Methodist ministers within the world-class University of Cambridge. In 2016 the Trustees of a refurbished Wesley House will open its new facilities for 30 students and scholars to live, pray and study together as part of an intentionally global community of Wesleyan theological thinkers and practitioners.

Our vision is to resource visiting scholars, associate faculty and registered students for a thoughtful and transformative influence in the churches and cultures from which they come, whether as theological educators or as visionary church leaders or by collaboratively developing theological responses to the problems facing our world.

If you are looking for a unique study environment in an ancient university city where mature students, faculty and scholars of Wesleyan perspective pray together and share their theological vision, then Wesley House may be for you.

This prospectus sets out a variety of ways of being part of the Wesley House. We hope, before long, to welcome you to Cambridge in person.

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Professor Judith Lieu *Chair of the Wesley House Board of Trustees*



Professor Judith Lieu

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A Wesleyan Community

Wesley House is a community of Methodist scholars and students at the heart of the university city of Cambridge. Since 1921 it has been a gateway for students in the Wesleyan tradition into the excellent resources for learning in the University of Cambridge and, since 1972, to the shared resources of the globally significant Cambridge Theological Federation (a unique collaboration between Anglican, Reformed, Catholic, Orthodox and Methodist communities of prayer and study).

Community Life

Community life revolves around daily prayers in the college chapel and a weekly shared meal and seminar for the whole community. We work primarily at postgraduate taught and research level, encouraging research activities that reflect the vision of Michael Gutteridge, our founder, for an informed Wesleyan contribution to church and society.

The community is led by our Principal, the Revd Dr Jane Leach. She was ordained presbyter at the British Methodist Conference of 1998. She holds degrees from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Nottingham. Her own doctoral research was on faith development theory. She researches, supervises and publishes in the fields of practical theology and theological formation with a particular interest in the dialogue between theology and the psychological sciences. She has enjoyed study leave in the United States and in South Africa. She is a regular broadcaster on national radio. She says:



"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give themselves to reading. A reading people will always be a knowing people."



The Revd Dr Jane Leach, Principal

"Inspired by John and Charles Wesley, I hope that those who have spent time studying at Wesley House will be known as people of memory and imagination who are open to God's transforming power and who seek to offer that power to others in worship, evangelism and social transformation, who have confidence, commitment and skill in communicating the gospel in their context and yet are hospitable to people of other traditions and are willing to learn from them, who have the patience to study carefully and think rigorously as well as the vision to speak prophetically and lead courageously on issues of public and lasting importance."

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If you are considering a sabbatical > go to page 16





The Revd Dr John Barrett

The Revd Dr John Barrett, President of the World Methodist Council 2006-11, was a student at Wesley House (1965-8) and is now a Trustee. He writes:

"Wesley House has many distinguished alumni across the world spanning several generations. In addition to those who have served the British Methodist Conference with distinction, key international Methodist alumni include Donald English, President of the World Methodist Council 1991-96, Mvume Dandala, currently President of Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary in Pietermaritzberg, and Joseph Ntombura, newly the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church of Kenya. In my own time at Wesley House I was privileged to study alongside students from other cultures and contexts with whom I have retained working relationships all my life, amongst them Professor Robert Gribben, Emeritus Professor of Worship and Mission, Centre for Theology and Ministry, Melbourne and Dr Roger Ireson, the now retired General Secretary, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for the United Methodist Church in the USA. My hope for the future is that international friendships will be forged at Wesley House which will help to sustain a Wesleyan conversation across the world which is both scholarly and transformative for local churches and communities."

The Cambridge Experience

The University

Wesley House offers a gateway for Methodist people to the University of Cambridge. The second oldest university in England and the fourth in the world, Cambridge has educated students since the thirteenth century. Its reputation is built on some of the world's key intellectual developments such as the discovery of the laws of motion and calculus by Sir Isaac Newton, the formulation of the theory of evolution by natural selection, by Charles Darwin and more recently the fundamental contributions to cosmology, made by Stephen Hawking. Today, the University frequently ranks first in the UK and Europe and offers one of the most stimulating learning environments in the world. Wesley House students will find themselves amongst Cambridge's student body of 18,000, taking advantage of all that the University and its remarkable city have to offer.

The City

Wesley House is situated in the centre of the city of Cambridge and students can easily take advantage of the city's theatres, concerts, museums, churches, events, bookshops, and other amenities. The city is imbued with its university and Christian heritage, as evidenced by the its stunning architecture and its many cultural and intellectual resources. Wesley House's own buildings range from the Georgian frontage and the Art Deco chapel to its brand new academic and accommodation blocks.

The Wesley House site is a short walk from the River Cam and the architectural landmarks of King's Parade, including the splendid King's College Chapel. Many of the city's largest parks are also within a short walk, such as Midsummer Common, Jesus Green and Christ's Pieces.



"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding."

Proverbs 4.7

Above: King's College Chapel Opposite: Wesley House Chapel and Court Below: The River Cam and St John's College



The Theological Environment

The University

Methodism is a relative newcomer to Cambridge where the oldest standing church was built in around 1020. In medieval times, many of the colleges were founded in association with abbeys and monasteries and the University taught canon law and scholastic philosophy. The land on which Wesley House is built was part of the Convent of St Radegund established in 1135. From the 1520s, as the English Reformation began to take hold in the city, the emphasis of theological teaching moved towards the Bible. Among those involved in the Cambridge Reformation was Thomas Cranmer, author of the Book of Common Prayer, and there are various sites of Reformation importance in the city.

A century later, East Anglia was the centre of what became the Puritan movement. Former students like Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658), Parliamentary commander during the English Civil War and subsequently head of the English Commonwealth, had a great influence on the Puritans who left for New England especially during the Great Migration decade of the 1630s.

The first Methodist meetings were held in Cambridge in 1800, Wesley himself having been prevented from entering the city by the Puritan authorities. Today there are two Methodist churches in walking distance of Wesley House which are part of the Cambridge Methodist Circuit. They minister amongst the great diversity of Christian presence in the city. All the major denominations are represented including Eastern Orthodox and Pentecostal churches and communities of Chinese, Korean and other language groups. There are also Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist communities in the city.



University of Cambridge Faculty of Divinity

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The Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge

Many of Wesley House's students register for degree programmes delivered by the University of Cambridge's Faculty of Divinity. The strength of the Faculty is demonstrated by its annual rating as first or second in the country. Wesley House students on formal study programmes are likely to be involved in its classes in Theology, Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Philosophy of Religion, and Ethics. The Faculty is internationally renowned for its research, with leading experts on topics including:

- Church History
- Biblical Studies
- Philosophy of Religion and Ethics
- Ancient, Medieval and Modern Judaism
- Patristics
- Christian Systematic Theology
- Religion and the Natural Sciences
- Religion and the Social Sciences
- Arabic, Greek, Hebrew and Sanskrit studies
- Islam and Indian Religions
- The study of World Christianities.

The Cambridge Theological Federation

Wesley House was a founding member of the Cambridge Theological Federation in 1972. The Federation is one of the world's leading ecumenical bodies for theological study with a total student body in the region of 1,000 students. It has a common worship and social life. *"It was an incredibly powerful and enriching year for me, personally and*

Kimberley Jenne, Certificate in Theology Student

professionally"

Cambridge Theological Federation

Some of the degree programmes offered in this prospectus are taught by the combined faculty of the Federation, giving the opportunity for Wesley House's students and visiting scholars to study alongside those of other Christian traditions. Opportunity for ecumenical engagement has been part of Wesley House's rationale since its origins and has its roots in the attitude of John Wesley, 'If your heart be right with my heart, then give me your hand.'

Beginning as an Anglican-Methodist enterprise, today the Federation comprises seven institutes from a broad range of traditions: Anglican, Reformed, Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Methodist. It also has two associate members: The Centre for The Study of Christianity Worldwide, and the Woolf Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Faiths (Christianity, Judaism, Islam) which help to root the teaching and research of the Federation in the global and multi-faith context of the contemporary world.

The breadth and depth of the Federation's membership – as well as its partnership with the University of Cambridge – provide an unparalleled educational environment for those seeking to understand the influence of religion today. Of the ecumenical theological networks that exist worldwide, very few are found in such a compact, collegiate setting, with students able to access fully the resources of all the component institutions.

Other Partner Organisations

University relationships

In addition to its partnerships with the University of Cambridge, through the Federation, Wesley House also has relationships with the University of Durham and with Anglia Ruskin University. These make available to Wesley House students the wide range of academic awards that are listed on pages 14-15.

Methodist partner institutions

In addition Wesley House is developing a number of partnerships with Methodist institutions in other parts of the world. Traditionally we have worked with Seth Mokitimi Methodist Seminary in South Africa, with the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, USA, and with the Waldensian Faculty in Rome. Our latest partnership is with Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington with whom we intend to deliver the two DMin programmes detailed on page 15, starting in January 2016. This will give students access to a range of expert teachers drawn from across the world, including Ted Campbell, Sathi Clarke, Lovett Weems, Bruce Birch, Dion Forster and Tim Macquiban.

Cambridge partnerships

In the local context our embeddedness in the Cambridge Methodist Circuit means that practice-based and clinical learning experiences are readily available through local churches. Hospital and prison placements with experienced and skilled supervisors are also accessible through our Federation relationships.



ERMC Training



The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies



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"The Cambridge Theological Federation in its rich ecumenical context gives you a chance to broaden your perspectives "

Kido Baek, MA student

The Student Experience at Wesley House

Facilities

Over the next year Wesley House will benefit from a major multi-million pound redevelopment to provide accommodation and teaching facilities appropriate to the 21st century. Overall the College will accommodate up to 30 students living on site at any one time, both for short courses and longer term postgraduate study. At least two rooms will normally be available for sabbatical and short term visitors. Some rooms or flats are suitable for couples or families. Students attending courses from 2015 will experience:

A new, purpose-built, library and research facility. In addition to the general theological texts, we have a Methodist library of 4,000-4,500 volumes including a long run of the Arminian/Methodist Magazine from volume 1 to about 1880, some collections of 19th-century pamphlets, a near-complete run of Wesleyan Conference Minutes and of British Methodism since Union, plus the standard periodicals. Registered students also have access to the libraries of the Cambridge Theological Federation and the Faculty of Divinity. The Cambridge University Library is available to those engaging in suitable research. It is a copyright library entitled to receive copies of all books published in the UK. Amongst other riches, Cambridge boasts significant collections of early biblical manuscripts and other key documents, such as the Westminster Confession, which can be viewed by arrangement.



"Living at Wesley House provided me with an insight into British Methodist culture which helped familiarise me with some of my theological and ecclesiastical roots"

Geoff Thompson, Professor of Systematic Theology, Uniting Church of Australia and former PhD student

















A new accommodation block providing modern bed-sitting room accommodation with en-suite facilities, high bandwidth Internet and Wi Fi access throughout. There are also a number of self-contained, multibedroom apartments designed to accommodate families. There is a large common room on each floor with cooking and laundry facilities and interactive whiteboard/TV screens.

A new lecture room, capable of accommodating up to 40 people with full AV facilities. There is a second seminar room for up to 20 people and two smaller dining rooms/seminar spaces on adjacent floors. All rooms are equipped with high speed broadband, Wi Fi and Interactive white boards.

The original 1930 chapel will be preserved, and provides space for up to 80 people to worship. It contains a notable organ by Robert Spurden Rutt and a maquette of St Michael by Jacob Epstein as well as a distinctive stained glass west window depicting the New Jerusalem.

Student support

Studying abroad is an exciting opportunity that can also bring many challenges. In the Cambridge tradition we offer 1:1 tutorial support to students and visiting scholars as needed for:

- Supervision of your academic programme or independent research
- Pastoral support
- Vocational discernment/development
- Spiritual direction

Two resident staff live on site and social events are regularly held in the Principal's Lodge.

In addition, the College is linked closely to the Cambridge Methodist Circuit. Members of college and our visitors are welcome to be part of the worshipping life of the circuit. Staff of the local Methodist churches are committed to the college as chaplains and as mentors for practicebased learning; local Methodist families offer hospitality and friendship to students and scholars living away from home.

"I appreciated being part of the life of the Wesley House community – particularly worship with students and staff as well as the choral worship of places like King's and St John's. Public lectures, concerts and the excitement of being in Cambridge added to the experience."

Rob Hufton, sabbatical visitor, Lent Term 2014

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Paul Tabraham

Paul Tabraham, a Methodist sponsored presbyteral student who began the BTh degree in 2012 says, "One of the best things about my first year in Cambridge has been the quality of the teaching available. To have the chance to study with people in the University who are writing and publishing at the cutting edge of their subject has been incredible. Cambridge is also somewhere where visiting scholars come to lecture and in just one year I have had the chance to hear Cardinal Koch, The Chief Rabbi and the Dalai Lama as well as the General Secretary of The World Council of Churches and Rowan Williams."

Opportunities for Formal Study

Research Degrees

- PhD, University of Cambridge a three-year full-time research degree supervised in the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge (also available part-time to UK students).
- PhD, Anglia Ruskin University a three-year full-time research degree supervised by staff of Wesley House or the Cambridge Theological Federation (also available part-time).
- DProf, Anglia Ruskin University research rooted in practice and supervised by staff of Wesley House or the Cambridge Theological Federation (available full-time for 18 months followed by part-time study or wholly part-time).

Other Degree Programmes

Full-time resident Wesley House students are most commonly registered on the following accredited programmes. Other programmes are available. Please enquire for further details.

- MPhil in Theology and Religious Studies a prestigious University of Cambridge degree (nine months from October to June) with a strong emphasis on research. Free-standing or a spring-board to the PhD programme.
- MA in Pastoral Theology a taught Masters programme awarded by Anglia Ruskin University and taught by expert staff in the Cambridge Theological Federation. Suitable for those with a degree in theology and who are engaged in the practice of ministry. An acclaimed market-leading degree.
- MA in Christian Theology a taught Masters programme awarded by Anglia Ruskin University and taught by expert staff in the Federation. Suitable for those with a degree in theology who wish to specialise in mission, doctrine or biblical studies.

BTh Graduates



English Language Standard

In order to study at Wesley House, you will need to be comfortable working in English and able to read, write and speak it to an acceptable standard. Generally, this is regarded as achieving a score of 7.5 or above in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

If you do not think you are able to reach that standard immediately but might do so with further practice, we are exploring the scope for offering preparatory English tuition as a component of some courses.

All admissions are subject to admission by the relevant University and evidence of the required academic qualifications.

"Being grounded in a pattern of **Morning Prayer** and re-engaging with my Methodist heritage has provided the security I needed to explore the wide variety of **Christian practices** and beliefs. This has made for a fulfilling, challenging and engaging time of formation as a minister and a disciple."

Will Fletcher, MA student

- Bachelor of Theology for Ministry (BTh) a two-year full-time residential theological degree awarded by the University of Cambridge for those who already have a good degree in another subject. This degree is equivalent to a MDiv qualification.
- Diploma in Theology for Ministry (DTM) a nine month diploma (October-June) awarded by the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. Suitable for those with a good degree in another subject who wish to study theology for ministry. This is an ideal course for those engaged in MDiv studies who wish to do a year abroad. It includes practice-based courses with qualified supervisors as well as classroom-based learning within a world-class theology department.

Part-time Study

- PhD awarded by the University of Cambridge (see above)
- PhD awarded by Anglia Ruskin University (see above)
- Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology (DProf) awarded by Anglia Ruskin University – a degree for practitioners who wish to develop research into the practice issues they face with a view to transforming their own practice and that of the organisation within which they work. Suitable for those who have completed an MA in a related discipline. Ideal for those within travelling distance of Cambridge for bi-monthly supervision and seminars. A part-time degree over 4-5 years with annual summer school. Supervised by Wesley House or Cambridge Theological Federation staff.
- DMin awarded by Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington Suitable for those who have completed an MDiv or equivalent and wish to develop as church leaders in an international cohort of students. Independent study plus two fortnights in Cambridge per year for two years. Taught by internationally acclaimed scholars.
- MA in Pastoral Theology (see above)
- MA in Christian Theology (see above)
- BA in Theology for Ministry, Durham University. This degree is available as a part-time course of study for those within travelling distance of Cambridge. Within the degree there is also a postgraduate diploma.

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Kido Baek

Kido Baek from South Korea studied for an MA at Wesley House from September 2009 to July 2011. He is now about to train for ordination as a presbyter. He says, "The best thing that I believe Wesley House offers overseas students is its welcoming resident community. Each student is invited to be an active participant in the community through its daily communal worship and frequent study sessions and sharing of meals. Also, the pastoral tutoring system at the college gives the students careful guidance in exploring their own vocation and in adapting to learning in the British context. Cambridge is a place where you meet so many students with different backgrounds."

- To find out about grants and scholarships >> go to page 17
- For details of how to apply > go to page 19
- or visit www.wesley.cam.ac.uk

Independent Study

Visiting scholars

As a community of scholarship Wesley House wishes to be part of a global network of scholars who are researching and thinking creatively about the issues faced by the churches and the world today. Private accommodation, which includes study space and internet access, is available throughout the year. The library and archive resources of the College are available to any visiting scholar, and for those suitably qualified it may be possible to become a visiting fellow of the Faculty of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. Those who wish to do so may join the University's sabbatical visitors' cultural and social programme.

We hope that the life of the resident community will be enriched by visiting scholars. Visitors are welcome to chapel and to the weekly seminar and meal in college. Those who are resident in Cambridge for an extended period may wish to make a formal contribution to the teaching and worshipping life of the community.

Ministers on sabbatical

Wesley House has an established tradition of reflective practice. Those who are engaged in ministry, whether as lay or ordained ministers, are welcome for short or longer periods at any time during the year to use our resources and to join in the life of the community.

Academic staff are able to provide support with sabbatical project design and supervision; there is also opportunity for reflection on ongoing ministry and vocational development with our skilled team of pastoral supervisors. Sabbatical programmes are designed according to the terms and conditions offered to ministers to enable practitioners to make the most of the precious gift of study leave. Academic projects are supervised by Wesley House staff or by other Federation faculty members so scholars have the benefit of conversation with those whose interests are close to their own.

Being based in the heart of Cambridge makes engagement with the cultural activities of the city very easy. The various theatres, cinemas, art galleries, sports and music venues are all in easy walking distance of Wesley House.



"The most valuable thing was being able to talk to members of staff about the wider issues and challenges of ministry, which made returning from sabbatical a lot smoother and less stressful."

Rob Hufton, sabbatical visitor, Lent Term 2014

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Grants and Scholarships

Depending upon your circumstances it may be possible to obtain a grant or scholarship which would contribute to all or part of the costs of your course at Wesley House.

The main sources of funding for study are as follows:

Scholarship and Leadership Training (SALT) Grants

This scheme is administered by the World Church Relationships Office of the British Methodist Church and is intended to assist overseas partner churches with strategic and cross cultural training needs. The grant is paid to the sponsoring church rather than the individual and will cover full training expenses, but not living or travel costs.

Applicants for SALT funding must apply themselves but must be nominated by the partner church. For more information please contact grants@methodistchurch.org.uk

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Programme

Applicants for the DMin programme may be eligible for matched funding or full scholarships to cover the cost of the course, including travel and living expenses. International students are considered for merit scholarships on the basis of past academic performance and potential for ministerial leadership.

International students may also be considered for a need-based grant. For more details, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at Wesley Methodist Theological Seminary, Washington: **mvibert@wesleyseminary.edu**



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Kimberly Jenne

Kimberly Jenne from the USA studied for the Certificate in Theology for Ministry at Wesley House from 2011-12. She now serves as lead pastor of a United Methodist church in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. She says, "My experience at Wesley House, Cambridge offered me a unique intellectual and spiritual experience. I was exposed to the global Methodist connexion through Wesley House's relationship with the British Methodist Church, and I received the ecumenical benefit of studying within the Cambridge Theological Federation and the University of Cambridge."

The Cambridge Trust

The aim of the Trust is to enable candidates of outstanding academic merit, who would not otherwise be able to take up places at the University of Cambridge, to pursue courses of study or research. The Trust manages a large number of scholarship programmes, including the prestigious Cambridge International Scholarships; these are awarded on the basis of academic merit alone, but most scholarship schemes also take account of financial need.

Applicants are encouraged to visit

- the University website, and particularly the information on how to apply for graduate study at:
 - www.admin.cam.ac.uk/students/gradadmissions/prospec/apply
- the Trust website, and particularly the scholarships section at: www.cambridgetrusts.org/scholarships

Selecting a country from the drop-down list will provide a list of scholarships for which students from that country are eligible. Some scholarship programmes require an additional application to the relevant funding partner of the Trust. There is no application required to the Trust itself. Scholarships, which include both full-cost and part-cost awards, are awarded only at the beginning of a course of study and continue for the duration of the course.

For further information, please contact the Cambridge Trust by email: cambridge.trust@admin.cam.ac.uk

Wesley House Bursaries

Wesley House has its own funds to support students studying on its courses, both UK based and overseas. Bursaries are normally provided on a matched funding basis, but the Trustees may cover the full cost of study, including living and travel costs, if the partner church would otherwise be unable to provide support.

For more details, please see www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/scholarships





"At Wesley House *l* encountered fellow students from around the world, and Wesley's close links with the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta meant I was also able to spend time studying in the US. These experiences have been crucial in shaping my understanding of ministry."

Will Fletcher, MA student

How to Apply

If you are interested in one of our courses please consult our website for details of how to apply: **www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/apply**. If you have a particular requirement, would like to discuss a more tailored tuition package or simply would value the personal touch, please contact our Director of Studies, The Revd Dr Cindy Wesley.

Cindy is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church (USA) with over 15 years of experience in ministry with local churches. She holds degrees in Church History and Doctrine and lectures in these areas. She also draws on her experience as a hospital chaplain to assist with the MA course in healthcare chaplaincy taught jointly with the chaplaincy team at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

Cindy has published on the subject of women in early Methodism and the influence of Pietism in North American evangelicalism. She also studies and continues to write about the important role religion plays in the lives of immigrants as they adjust to new cultures and new surroundings. She says:





The Revd Dr Cindy Wesley

"Being a member of Wesley House involves a combination of academic application and spiritual generosity within an intentional Christian community. If you are interested to be part of a reflective cross-cultural community of study and prayer in which we learn from and with one another as fellow disciples in the Wesleyan tradition then we would love to hear from you."







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