



# FRIENDS OF THE ANGUS

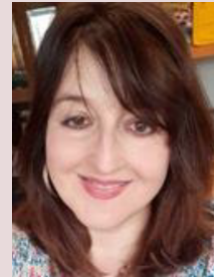
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## GREETINGS FROM THE ANGUS LIBRARY TO ALL OUR FRIENDS!

Here in the Angus, we are as busy as ever. Over the last few months, we've welcomed visitors from India, America, South Korea, and China amongst many other countries. We've worked with people researching a very wide variety of topics including Welsh Baptist history, missionaries in the Congo, conscientious objectors in World War two, Timothy Richard and family history.



Photograph of people standing above the Congo river, from the BMS archive



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## ANGUS OPEN DAY

We held a very successful 'Open Day' in December to encourage college staff and students to come to the Angus, meet the staff and learn about the incredible collections that we hold. A display of some of our amazing treasures was arranged to highlight the rich resources that we have, ranging from the civil war to the medical mission in China, using a dizzying array of material! We had an incredibly positive reaction, with about 60 people attending throughout the day.

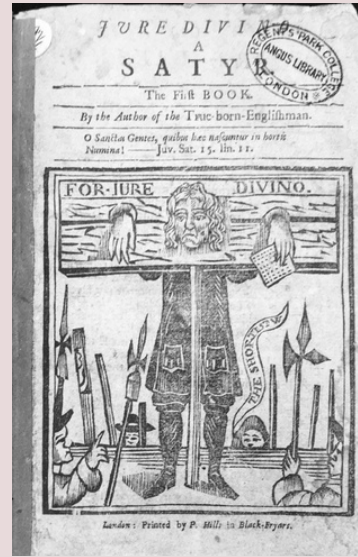
There have been a number of talks taking place recently, either in the library or using material from the collection. A talk about materiality of the book for English and History undergraduates, involved discussion of a wide selection of treasures, from the marvellously illustrated Nuremberg Chronicle to the tiny and fragile Nurse True Love's New Year's Gift written for children in the 18th century.



Mid 18th century children's book, probably 'Nurse True Love's New Year's Gift'

## CRIMINALITY

A talk on early modern criminality focussed on a variety of books relating to this fascinating, though often distressing subject, from the grisly punishments meted out in the 17th century for those accused of sedition and heresy, (a recurring theme!), to the treatment of 18th century vagrants and reports on the appalling conditions of prisoners in the aptly named Coldbath Fields prison. Who knew that our internationally renowned Baptist collection contained so much about crime?



Daniel Defore in the Stocks, taken from 'Jure Divino: a Satyr (1706)

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION IN THE BAPTIST WORLD



We are delighted to announce that the Centre for Baptist Studies has been successful in their bid for funding from ECLAS (Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science).

The Science for Seminaries project will enable us to digitise material which highlights the important contribution of Baptist women and men to science.

We hope to include items related to William Carey's work in horticulture and botany, Dr Ellen Farrer's pioneering medical work, George Grenfell's contributions to geography and Timothy Richard's interest in scientific advancement. Did you know he ran a competition to make a flying machine in the 19th century?!



Careya Arborea - named for William Carey

## THESIS OPEN DAY

Our thesis open day held in February to showcase our amazing resources to undergraduates in the college looking for inspiration was also well attended.



Thesis Open Day February 2024





Our new archive catalogue is now up and running and we're hoping to add our digitised material on to it as time goes on. Do visit it at:

<https://regents-park.epexio.com/>


It's an excellent way to find out what we have in the collection, including manuscripts and photographs.

**DIGITISATION PROJECTS**

We hope very soon to embark on the digitisation of the Baptist Times and The Freeman, as well as the Baptist Union Handbooks. More news to follow!

**FRIENDS OF THE ANGUS SEMINARS**

Our Autumn series of online Friends of the Angus was well attended and we had some excellent speakers. Save the dates for our next speakers in the Spring 2024 series of Opening the Angus talks, which will cover a fascinating array of subjects:



**Friends of the Angus**  
**Trinity Term 2024 Seminars**  
 Thursdays at 7:30pm

11th April **The Photographic Archive of the Upoto mission, Congo Free State: Some Reflections on Using Visual Sources to Expand Mission Histories** - Dr Amy King

18th April **Baptist Women and the Doctrine of Universal Salvation in Seventeenth-Century England** - Dr Sarah Apetrei

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Please do register to attend these excellent talks and the discussions that follow them. Registration via TicketSource is free and you will then be sent the Zoom login details.

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