



## MANCHESTER WESLEY RESEARCH CENTRE

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### A Guide to Research in Manchester

This document provides an overview of research in Manchester for postgraduate students and visiting scholars linked to the Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC).<sup>1</sup> This often means their studies are in Wesleyan studies or theology, but the MWRC also includes cognate research in areas such as biblical studies (see the purpose statement below). The three main locations for research are the Nazarene Theological College Library, which includes the Manchester Wesley Research Centre collection and NTC Archives, the Methodist Archives and Research Centre (also called ‘Special Collections’ and MARC in this document) at the John Rylands Research Institute and Library (for simplicity, referred to as the John Rylands Library), and The University of Manchester Library.

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### The Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC)

#### Overview of the MWRC

The MWRC is a partnership of institutions and a community of scholars working together to promote research in the Methodist, Wesleyan, and Evangelical traditions. It serves as a resource for students, scholars, and the church, particularly those at MWRC [partner institutions](#). An important part of this resource is the MWRC Library and Study Centre. All PhD students at partner institutions are Junior Research Fellows and have full access to the research centre. Students interested in utilizing the resources of the MWRC can apply for a research degree at any of the partner institutions. The MWRC itself does not accept research degree applications but directs them to MWRC partner institutions. Visiting scholars may apply for an [MWRC Visiting Research Fellowship](#) or contact the Director about a proposed research visit.

<sup>1</sup> Information about postgraduate students and Visiting Research Fellows can be found on the MWRC website under the ‘Fellows’ drop-down bar.

## **Purpose Statement**

The Manchester Wesley Research Centre promotes and supports research on the life and work of John and Charles Wesley, their contemporaries in the 18th century Evangelical Revival, their historical and theological antecedents, their successors in the Wesleyan tradition, and contemporary scholarship in the Wesleyan and Evangelical traditions. This includes areas such as theology, history, biblical studies, education, ethics, literature, mission, philosophy, pastoral studies, practical theology, and social theology.

## **History**

The Manchester Wesley Research Centre was formally inaugurated on June 18th, 2003, at a service held at Nazarene Theological College (NTC), Didsbury, Manchester, England, as the concluding event of the major international conference, 'John Wesley, Life, Legend & Legacy' hosted by the University of Manchester. Further details are available [on the MWRC website](#).

## **Location**

The MWRC is located on the campus of Nazarene Theological College (an affiliated college of the University of Manchester) in the pleasant Manchester suburb of Didsbury. It is conveniently situated within easy travelling distance of both the University of Manchester, the John Rylands Library including the Methodist Archives and Research Centre (MARC), the Manchester International Airport, and the British motorway and rail network. For directions see the following link on the [location of the MWRC](#).

## **Institutional Partnerships**

The Centre is a working partnership between a range of institutions: Ambrose University, Asbury Theological Seminary; Asbury University; Cliff College; the International Board of Education of the Church of the Nazarene; the John Rylands Research Institute and Library; Nazarene Theological College; Nazarene Theological Seminary; Northwest Nazarene University; Pentecostal Theological Seminary; Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University; Point Loma Nazarene University; Reutlingen School of Theology; Tyndale University; Universidad del Centro Educativo Latinoamericano; the University of Manchester Religions and Theology Subject Area; Wesley House, Cambridge and Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. Each partner is already actively engaged in research in this field, and the object of the collaboration is to develop a centre for research with a national and international profile in Wesleyan studies.

## **What We Do**

- Highlight the resources of the MWRC and the Methodist Archives in the John Rylands Research Institute and Library.
- Attract and support research students working at The University of Manchester through any of the partner institutions on subjects related to the Centre's purpose.
- Give Visiting Fellows and scholars from partner institutions the chance to conduct research in areas linked to the Centre's purpose.
- Provide a means of linking scholars from partner institutions.
- Offer study space and a focal point for research students and scholars who want to take advantage of the resources available in Manchester.
- Help disseminate the work of researchers linked to the Centre and other scholarship in Methodist/Wesleyan studies through various means such as publication in *Wesley and Methodist Studies*.
- Develop, oversee, and co-ordinate significant scholarly events to enhance the work of the Centre and disseminate the results of MWRC research.

## **The MWRC Library and Study Centre**

The Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC) Library is well-equipped to provide you with a comfortable and welcoming study base. It is conveniently open for long hours each day.

Beginning with a few hundred books in the early 2010s, the library has grown to nearly 10,000 items, built up through support from our partner institutions and from several generous donations.

The library holds a wide range of recent and historic books, pamphlets, and periodicals on the Wesleyan and related traditions. One highlight is the MWRC Rare Books collection containing many rare books relating to the history and theology of the Wesleyan and related traditions. The MWRC also has an impressive collection of over 200 largely unpublished PhD and master's theses and dissertations in Wesleyan studies. (See also the [EBSCO Open Dissertations](#) and British Library's [Ethos](#) databases.)

You can explore the various MWRC special collections in the NTC library catalogue [here](#). Some of our unique collections include:

- Allan Longworth Rare Books
- Anglican-Methodist Unity
- Charles Jones Collection
- Methodist Church Documents [British]
- Pamphlets
- Periodicals
- PhD and Master's Theses and Dissertations

Connected to the MWRC Library and available to researchers is a conservatory that serves as the MWRC Study Centre. It provides a conveniently located study space with desks and armchairs.

Nazarene Theological College's library is also fully available to MWRC fellows and guests. NTC's specialised library of about 50,000 volumes is housed in the Emmanuel Centre which adjoins the rooms of the MWRC. You can access NTC's online catalogue [here](#).

Our collections, alongside the support available to assist students and researchers, makes the MWRC an attractive environment for research into Methodist, Wesleyan, and Evangelical studies.

### **The Archives at Nazarene Theological College**

The Archives provide documentation on the evolving Holiness Movements in the United Kingdom from the nineteenth century to the present. While the focus of the collection is the Church of the Nazarene in the United Kingdom and its predecessor groups, the collection is broader than that. Especially important are the periodicals published by these movements. Thus, the Archives house a complete file of *Tongues of Fire*, edited by Reader Harris, as well as the successor title, *Spiritual Life*, edited by Mary Reader Harris and Oswald Chambers. Star Hall Manchester is represented by *The Way of Holiness*, edited by Helen Kathleen Crossley and Mary Alice Hatch. *Emmanuel*, the publication of the Emmanuel Mission and Training School at Birkenhead, documents formative years of that organisation. There is the periodical of the radically congregationalist Independent Holiness Mission: *Holiness Messenger: Organ of the Independent Holiness Mission*.

The organisations that became part of the Church of the Nazarene are represented by a few fascicles of the *Holiness Herald* edited in Glasgow by George Sharpe as well as a complete set of his later *Way of Holiness*. The *Holiness Mission Journal* and its successor *International Holiness Mission Journal* are both found complete in the Archives. There is a complete set of *The Flame*, the periodical edited by Maynard Janes for the Calvary Holiness Church. The history of Nazarene Theological College and its publications are fulsomely documented.

The Archives is the official repository for the records of the Church of the Nazarene in the UK. It houses the records of the Calvary Holiness Church, documents of the North and South Districts of the present Church of the Nazarene structure, as well as archival materials of particular congregations. Parkhead Church of the Nazarene, Glasgow, is particularly well represented. The Archives is also the repository for documentation of the history of the Emmanuel Mission and Training School, Emmanuel Bible College, and the Emmanuel Churches.

In the collection are ephemeral publications of all the groups mentioned above. The collection is crucial for documenting the international development of the Holiness Movements during the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries and aspects of British social history.

The Archives is supplemented by the Holiness Collections of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre and by holdings of the Nazarene Theological College Library. Related material, and some copies of materials housed in the Archives, can be found at the [Archives of the International Church of the Nazarene](#), Lenexa, Kansas. Supplementary material can be found at the British Library and other archives in the United Kingdom. A

growing number of materials important for Holiness and Nazarene can be found in the [Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library](#), of which Nazarene Theological College is a contributing member.

An online catalogue of materials relating to the Calvary Holiness Church is being developed through Archives Hub [here](#).

For more detailed information, contact the Manchester Wesley Research Centre ([mwrc@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:mwrc@nazarene.ac.uk)) or the archivist ([archives@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:archives@nazarene.ac.uk)).

### **Other Related Materials on the Holiness Movements**

[The Nazarene Messenger is now online](#) for the years 1898 through 1908. Each issue downloads as a PDF file that is searchable for people, places, theological subjects, schools, and many other topics. *The Nazarene Messenger* was founded by Phineas Bresee, who remained its senior editor throughout its journey. *The Nazarene Messenger* ceased publication near the end of 1911 when the assets of the Nazarene Publishing Company were merged with those of the Pentecostal Advocate Company of Greenville, Texas, and used to create the Nazarene Publishing House in Kansas City. *The Nazarene Messenger* and *The Pentecostal Advocate* were superseded by a new periodical that premiered in April 1912 called *Herald of Holiness*.

### **Special Collections at The John Rylands Library**

Opened in 1900, the John Rylands Library has always housed collections with a strong Non-Conformist theme. Since the 1977 these have included the Methodist Archives and Research Centre (MARC), deposited by the Methodist Church in Britain, which contains personal material from the Wesley family and vast resources on the development of Methodism to the present. The John Rylands Library became part of the University of Manchester in 1972. Located in a historical neo-Gothic building, it is one of Britain's finest academic research libraries.

The number and breadth of materials of Methodist interest increases each year as the MARC extends the collection by adding modern (as well as older) books, pamphlets, periodicals, newspapers, manuscripts, and other materials relating to Methodism.

A number of resources are now available online via [LUNA](#), the Library's image database, including 18th century conversion narratives, digitised copies of *The Primitive Methodist* and the *United Methodist*, Wesleyan hymns, and manuscript letters from the Wesleys.

The MWRC is designed to guide and support researchers in finding their way through the 'labyrinth [of an] endless multiplicity of books' (as John Wesley described the problem facing his own eighteenth-century students when writing the Preface to his fifty-volume *Christian Library*, 1749-55). Junior Fellows and Visiting Fellows of the MWRC enjoy the privileges of access to the JRL collections.

### **Methodist Archives & Research Centre**

The MARC contains the world's largest collection of manuscripts relating to the founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley, and other members and close associates of the Wesley family as well as vast resources on the development of Methodism up to the present.

The collections include the personal libraries of Charles Wesley and John Fletcher and the majority of Samuel, Susanna, John, and Charles Wesley's surviving manuscripts. There is also an outstanding collection of 'anti-Methodist' printed materials and an extensive collection of over 5,000 hymnals (which ranges beyond Methodist denominations). Amongst this material are many rare items, such as the only complete copy of the *Collection of Psalms and Hymns* printed in 1737 for John Wesley when he was in Charles-town (now Charleston, South Carolina).

In addition to the Wesley family documents, the MARC also has extensive collections of the personal papers of numerous prominent evangelicals of the 18th century and later Methodists up to the present, including John Fletcher and his wife Mary Bosanquet, George Whitefield, Selena the Countess of Huntingdon, Benjamin Ingham, Howel Harris, Thomas Coke, Adam Clarke, Hugh Bourne, Jabez Bunting, John Ernest Rattenbury, and

Rupert Davies. The collection also includes extensive Conference and other institutional records of all major pre-union (i.e. pre-1932) British Methodist denominations.

For more information about browsing and searching catalogues of these collections, please see below under 'Finding Material'.

### **Other Special Collections**

Alongside the MARC, the University's Special Collections contain a wealth of primary source materials with numerous collections and libraries of rare books and manuscripts that span six millennia and originate from cultures across the world. The broad range of subjects includes theology and philosophy; literature, drama, and music; art and archaeology; science and medicine; economic, social, political, and military history; travel and exploration.

'The Library's manuscript collections cover more than fifty languages, including all the major European and Middle Eastern languages, and numerous Far Eastern ones.' Spanning five millennia, they represent virtually every medium. Aside from the Nonconformist collections, strengths include archives of recent and contemporary literature and drama; the archives of the University of Manchester; and the papers of individual scientists and academics.

The printed book collections are among the finest in the world, combining several significant library collections. Illustrating the origin and development of Western printing from the fifteenth century to the present day, they cover a range of subjects. The Rylands' Bible Collection, spanning five centuries and more than 400 different languages and dialects, is of major importance for global scholarship.

### **University of Manchester Library**

Junior Fellows of the MWRC have full access to the University of Manchester Library and its electronic resources via the password they will be given upon registering at one of the MWRC partner institutions. Visiting Fellows can gain temporary access to these resources at the University Library and JRL.

The University of Manchester Library has over four million printed items and the largest collection of electronic resources in the UK with over 41,000 electronic journals and 500,000 electronic books. The library also has access to hundreds of databases including the Eighteenth Century Collections Online, which is a comprehensive digital corpus of eighteenth-century publications.

Other particularly useful databases for Wesleyan studies include the Early English Books Online (16-17th century books) and the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

Alongside these items are extensive Wesleyan and Primitive Methodist periodicals which can be accessed online via:

<http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/search-resources/databases/w>.

These include the Wesleyan-Methodist Magazine (inc. Arminian Magazine and Methodist Magazine) 1778-1897; Minutes of Methodist Conferences 1744-1932; Primitive Methodist Magazine 1834-1928.

See also the special collections library guide to research in Religions and Theology at Manchester at:

<http://subjects.library.manchester.ac.uk/c.php?g=64315&p=413352>.

### **Using the Collections**

*Use of Special Collections material is by appointment only in designated reading room facilities.*

To use the reading rooms for the first time, please contact library staff via [uml.special-collections@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:uml.special-collections@manchester.ac.uk) at least a month before arrival to ensure access to the relevant collections. Scholars may obtain a letter of introduction from the NTC librarian ([library@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:library@nazarene.ac.uk)).

All researchers need to register before they use the reading room for the first time and must request items at least one working day before they wish to view them. For more information on registering and accessing the reading room, see the website at:

[www.library.manchester.ac.uk/special-collections/access-the-special-collections/using-the-reading-rooms/](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/special-collections/access-the-special-collections/using-the-reading-rooms/).

### **Photography**

Photography without flash or tripods is allowed throughout the John Rylands Library except in the exhibition galleries. Researchers must complete a self-service photography request form, available in the reading room, before photographing any materials.

### **Location**

John Rylands Library, which holds the MARC and many other Special Collections is located at 150 Deansgate, in Manchester city centre. For information about opening hours and access, please see the website at: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/rylands/visit/opening-times/>.

The Main Library is located on the main University of Manchester campus, off Oxford Road. For information about opening hours and access, please see the website at: [www.library.manchester.ac.uk/locations-and-opening-hours/main-library/](http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/locations-and-opening-hours/main-library/).

### **Finding Materials:**

#### **Catalogues**

For printed books and electronic resources, search the University of Manchester library catalogue: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/>. Materials at the Special Collections (including the MARC) are labelled 'Deansgate' in the catalogue.

For archives, an interactive catalogue describes over one thousand individual manuscript and archival collections deposited in the Methodist Archives from 1977 until 2016, see [Methodist Archives Collection Catalogue](#).

Some archives at the Special Collections have now been catalogued on ELGAR: Electronic Gateway to Archives at Rylands: <http://archives.li.man.ac.uk/ead/index.html>.

#### **Browsing the Collections**

For a comprehensive overview of the MARC and the collections within it, see the 'Guide to Methodist Resources at The University of Manchester' available online at: [Methodist collections \(The University of Manchester Library\)](#).

Other useful information about the collections can be found in 'A Guide to Special Collections of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester', *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* 80:2 (1998).

The *Bulletin* provides articles on research and collections at the John Rylands Library across a range of subjects. All issues are available online via the Library Catalogue. To browse volumes 1-89 (1903-2013), see <http://www.johncassidy.org.uk/bulletin>.

#### **Other Resources Relating to the Methodist Archives**

Gareth Lloyd, 'The Methodist Archives and Research Centre at the John Rylands University Library of Manchester', in Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., ed. *The Global Impact of the Wesleyan Traditions and Their Related Movements*.

Gareth Lloyd, 'Methodist Printed Archival and Research Collections: A Survey in UK/USA Repositories', in Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., ed. *T&T Clark Companion of Methodism*.

Clive D. Field, '[Sources for the Study of Protestant Nonconformity in the John Rylands University Library of Manchester](#)', *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* 71:2 (1989), 103-39.

Clive D. Field, '[Anti-Methodist Publications in the Eighteenth Century: A Revised Bibliography](#)', *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* 73:2 (1991), 159-280; '[Anti-Methodist Publications of the Eighteenth Century: A Supplemental Bibliography](#)', *Wesley and Methodist Studies* 6 (2014), 154-86.

Gareth Lloyd, '[The Papers of Dr Thomas Coke: A Catalogue](#)', with an introduction by Dr John A. Vickers, *Bulletin of the John Rylands University Library of Manchester* 76:2 (1994), 205-320.

Gareth Lloyd, 'Charles Wesley and Methodist Religious Life, 1750-1775: the Manuscript Sources', [Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society](#) 1 (1994), 33-45.

[Research Guide on 'Jews and Judaism in the Methodist Collection'](#).

There is also material on the MARC in:

Janet Foster and Julia Sheppard (eds), *British Archives: A Guide to Archive Resources in the United Kingdom*, 4th edition (Palgrave, 2002), pp. 505-06.

### **Other Online Resources**

The [Wesley Centre Online](#) at Northwest Nazarene University is an extensive 'collection of historical and scholarly resources about the Wesleyan tradition, theology, Christianity, and the Church of the Nazarene'.

The Global Theological Library has a growing collection of materials in its [Methodist and Wesleyan Studies Collection](#).

The [Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition](#) at Duke Divinity School has a significant collection of resources, especially on Charles Wesley's poetry and hymns.

For helpful resources on researching Methodism in the UK, see the [Researching Methodist History](#) section of the Methodist Heritage website, which includes material on [books](#) and [periodicals](#) relating to British Methodism that are available online.

The online [Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland](#).

For useful links, see also resource pages of the [Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition](#) and [Wesley Historical Society](#).

For links to other online resources in Methodist/Wesleyan Studies, see: <http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/links/>.

### **Costs for the Researcher: Accommodation and Transportation**

Primary costs for Visiting Fellows are travel to and from Manchester, accommodation in Manchester, meals, and travel expenses within the UK. The MWRC is willing to provide advice about these matters. (Some of these costs may be covered by a stipend provided to the Visiting Fellow.) Several visiting scholars have stayed in the city centre of Manchester. The advantage to this is being near the Special Collections (Deansgate) and about a 20 to 25-minute walk (or short bus ride) to the university library. The potential disadvantages are the expense of the accommodation, potential noise, and being 5 miles from the MWRC in Didsbury. Scholars can cut accommodation costs if they stay at Nazarene Theological College. However, it should be noted that NTC is located five miles south of the city centre. It takes between 30 to 45-minutes each way to travel by bus, tram, or train between NTC and the city centre. Most NTC accommodation is en-suite single dormitory rooms. NTC is self-catering; all rooms have access to a kitchen with refrigerator and cooking facilities. Laundry facilities are also available. Scholars who want to stay at NTC are advised to book a room as early as possible. If accommodation is fully booked at NTC we can provide a list of other local accommodation options.

[Luther King House](#) is good option located halfway between the city centre and NTC. Meals are available at LKH. City centre options that are located near the Special Collections (Deansgate) are the Castlefield Hotel (<http://www.castlefield-hotel.co.uk/>) and Hilton (<http://www.hilton.co.uk/manchesterdeansgate>). Scholars

who want to stay in/near the city centre may also want to consider the Manchester Central Travelodge (<http://www.travelodge.co.uk>), the two Ibis hotels in Manchester city centre (<https://ibis.accorhotels.com/united-kingdom/index.en.shtml>), and the Holiday Inn Manchester-West ([www.holidayinn.co.uk](http://www.holidayinn.co.uk)), which is about a 20 minute walk from the Special Collections. [Methodist International House](#) is a possible budget option located close to the university and about 2 ½ miles from the Rylands.

There are three options for getting to the Special Collections (Deansgate) from NTC/Didsbury Village: bus, tram, or train.

While it's a bit more expensive than the bus, the tram is the preferred option for most people. The tram can be taken from the Didsbury Village station on Olive Shapley Avenue (see a [map of the location here](#)). The tram should be taken to St Peter's Square (near the Central Library; about a 20-minute journey) from which the Rylands Library is a short walk. [Information about the Metrolink tram can be found here.](#)

Special Collections (Deansgate), The University of Manchester, LKH, and NTC are all on or near the Oxford/Wilmslow Road corridor. Buses run along this corridor every few minutes all day long. A typical one-way rate between NTC and the city centre/Special Collections (Deansgate) is £2. Week or month-long discount passes can be purchased from bus drivers. The main bus companies that operate on the Oxford/Wilmslow Road corridor are Stagecoach, Magic Bus, and First. For bus pass rates see: <http://www.stagecoachbus.com/>. Bus passes are valid only for the bus company from which the pass is purchased. However, if you pay a little extra (around £1) you can get the 'any bus day pass' from drivers, allowing you to use any bus company / bus that day. If you choose one bus company, we recommend Stagecoach due to the frequency of Stagecoach buses on the Oxford/Wilmslow Road corridor. Any bus 42 or 142 will take you between the city centre and NTC. For directions from Manchester city centre to NTC by bus see: <http://www.mwrc.ac.uk/location/> For directions to the University Libraries see: <http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/locations-and-opening-hours/>.

Another option is to take a train from East Didsbury Station on Wilmslow Road to Manchester Piccadilly and then walk or take the free city centre shuttle bus or walk to the Rylands Library. For information on train times and fares, see: <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/>.

When possible, the MWRC will pick-up Visiting Fellows at Manchester airport or train station.

We are also happy to help arrange transportation to a local church on Sundays. To request this, please contact one of the MWRC contacts listed below.

## **Internet Access**

Internet access is available throughout the campus of Nazarene Theological College (including the MWRC). Access is available for Junior Fellows at the university libraries via their university login details. Visiting scholars can access the internet from designated computers at the university libraries. Access for visiting scholars via personal computers at the university libraries is not currently possible in most cases. From the Rylands, internet access can be gained via temporary subscription services like BT Openreach.

## **Manchester Weather**

'Manchester experiences a temperate maritime climate, like much of the British Isles, with relatively cool summers and mild winters. There is regular but generally light precipitation throughout the year'. <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manchester>. Cool weather clothing, a raincoat, and an umbrella are essential items to bring to Manchester.

## **Currency Exchange in the UK**

Contact your bank before you leave your country for advice on currency exchange. Most foreign banks will allow you to use your ATM/debit card and withdraw money at any of the machines in Manchester, but they



usually require prior authorization. You can always check the exchange rate between the GBP (Great Britain Pound) and your country's currency online to make sure you are getting the latest rate.

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General enquiries

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Paul Carlyle, Curator (Nonconformist Collections) [including the Methodist collections]

Email: [paul.carlyle@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:paul.carlyle@manchester.ac.uk)

## **Nazarene Theological College Contacts**

### Housekeeper

[housekeeper@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:housekeeper@nazarene.ac.uk)

Use this email address if you need towels, sheets, or kitchen items.

### Chaplain and Warden

Revd Michael Kane (Chaplain)

[mkane@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:mkane@nazarene.ac.uk)

Debbie Kane (Warden)

[dkane@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:dkane@nazarene.ac.uk)

Please contact Debbie if you lose your keys, have questions concerning dorm policies, or if any issues arise outside of normal NTC working hours. Michael and Debbie live in Flat 1 in Hurllet Hall on the ground floor.

### Receptionist and Accommodation

Email: [enquiries@nazarene.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@nazarene.ac.uk)

Use this email address for any general questions or questions relating to accommodation. The reception desk near the entrance of the White House is generally open from 9-5pm Monday-Friday.

IT Support on the NTC Campus

Rocksalt

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Nazarene Theological College Librarian

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**MWRC Fellows Resident in Manchester**

MWRC Fellows, some of whom are resident in Manchester, are [listed on the MWRC website](#). If prospective students or Junior Fellows or Visiting Fellows want to meet with a Fellow during their period of residence in Manchester, they are advised to contact the Fellow and MWRC Director in advance of their visit.

## Appendix: Things to do in Manchester and Vicinity

For a guide to local restaurants, visit: <http://www.restaurantsofmanchester.com/>.

### ***Walks and Parks in Didsbury:***

Fletcher Moss Park is a lovely place for a walk or run but can be muddy in places if it has rained recently. The park and linked Trans Pennine Trail (a national coast to coast walking route) can be reached via Ford Lane followed by a left hand turn down Stenner Lane just before reaching the River Mersey (small path with trees on both sides) or via Wilmslow Road/A5145 where you can enter the park just before or after The Didsbury pub. Be sure to visit the Parsonage Gardens and St James Church (medieval Anglican church) across from and behind The Didsbury, as well as the Botanical Garden (accessed via the park entrance just past The Didsbury pub). Other local parks include Didsbury Park and Marie Louise Gardens.

### ***Churches and Libraries to Visit in the City Centre:***

Manchester Cathedral – near the heart of Manchester city centre, the Cathedral was built between the years 1421 to 1882.

St Ann's Church – St Ann's Church, consecrated in 1712, is a good example of an 18th century church. John Wesley preached in the church.

The Hidden Gem/St Mary's Catholic Church – dedicated in 1794, St Mary's was built not long after the Roman Catholic Relief Act 1791, which allowed Catholics to build registered churches.

Chetham's Library – having been in continuous use since 1653, Chetham's has the distinction of being the oldest free public reference library in the UK.

### ***Art Galleries and other Museums in and near the City Centre:***

*All the sites except the football stadiums and Quarry Bank Mill are free to enter. Check the websites of the sites for opening times and further details.*

Manchester Art Gallery – contains a wide-ranging collection, with a particular strength in Victorian art, especially that of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, and Victorian decorative arts.

Whitworth Art Gallery – near the university, the gallery specializes in modern art with collections of watercolours, sculptures, wallpapers, and textiles.

The Lowry – situated in Salford Quays near Media City, The Lowry is a theatre and gallery named after the early 20th century painter L. S. Lowry, famous for his painting of Manchester and Northwest industrial scenes.

The Manchester Museum – located on the university campus, the Manchester Museum displays works of archaeology, anthropology, and natural history.

Museum of Science and Industry – located near the Rylands Library, this large and varied museum focuses on the development of science, technology, and industry, with a particular emphasis on Manchester's role in these fields.

People's History Museum – located in the city centre, the museum is the 'national centre for the collection, conservation, interpretation and study of material relating to the history of working people in the UK'. As with The Lowry, Museum of Science and Industry, and Quarry Bank Mill, it gives insight into industrial Manchester, especially in the 19th century.

MediaCityUK – together with The Lowry and Imperial War Museum North, MediaCityUK is in Salford Quays. It is the headquarters for the BBC and other media organisations.

Imperial War Museum North – located in the Salford Quays, it is one of five branches of the Imperial War Museum, which 'explores the impact of modern conflicts on people and society'.

Manchester United or Manchester City stadium tours – not to be missed for football enthusiasts is a stadium tour of Manchester United or Manchester City. The former is located near Salford Quays, while the latter, which can be directly reached by tram is about two miles east of the city centre.

***Things to do slightly further afield:***

Quarry Bank Mill – is a museum of the cotton industry located about 7 miles south of NTC. It is ‘is one of the best-preserved textile mills of the Industrial Revolution’ and has many working exhibitions of textile machinery. For directions, see: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quarry-bank> and/or speak to MWRC staff.

For those interested in the countryside and hiking daytrips by train from Manchester Piccadilly can be taken to villages in/near the Peak District National Park such as Edale, Hathersage, and Buxton.

For country estates with historical homes, Lyme Park, Chatsworth House, Tatton Park, and Dunham Massey are good options. These sites are reachable by public transport but are easiest to access by car. If you’re interested in visiting these places, speak to MWRC staff.

For those interested in Roman and medieval history, Chester (35 miles away) and York (67 miles away) are recommended and easily accessible by train.

For other ideas and further details, see: <http://www.visitmanchester.com/>.

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