

# RAG CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026

John Rylands Library, Manchester

## Unearthing the unexpected in religious archives

*Please note that titles and timings are currently provisional. A finalised version will be available soon.*

**10:30** Coffee and registration

**Welcome from RAG and the John Rylands Library**

**11.05-11.50 Professor Sasha Handley, University of Manchester**

The Epworth haunting

**11.50-12.35 Tim Procter, University of Leeds Library**

Torah scrolls in the Holden Collection

**12.35-13.15** Lunch

**13.15-13.30** Religious Archives Group AGM

**13.30-14.15 Professor Michael Questier**

The love letters of Henry VIII in the Vatican Library

**14.15-15.00 Dr Naomi Baker, University of Manchester**

Voices of Thunder: radical religious women of the 17<sup>th</sup> century

**15.00-15.15** Coffee and tea break

**15.15-16.00 Neil Sayer, R C Diocese of Liverpool Archives**

TBC

**16.00-16.45 Collection encounter**

An opportunity to take a closer look at some of the treasures of the Rylands

**16.45** Close