

RAG CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday 11th 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

11.00-11.45 Professor Sasha Handley, University of Manchester

The Epworth haunting

11.45-12.30 Tim Procter, University of Leeds Library

Torah scrolls in the Holden Collection

12.30-13.15 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 17th century

15.00-15.15 Coffee and tea break

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

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16.00-16.45 Collection encounter

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

16.45 Close