



Lambeth Palace Library Research Guide Biographical Sources for Anglican Clergy

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1 Introduction

This guide is an introduction to sources for those engaged in biographical research on individuals who have served as members of the Anglican clergy.

It refers to archival, manuscript and printed resources. **Please note that not all the sources mentioned are held at Lambeth Palace Library.** Many of the published works included here will be held by local reference or local studies libraries.

When researching the life of Anglican clergy, it can be worthwhile consulting the Library's related guide: *Sources for Family History and Genealogy*. Peter Towey, *My Ancestor was an Anglican Clergyman* (London, 2006) may also be a good starting point.

The ongoing Clergy of the Church of England Database project: (www.theclergydatabase.org.uk) is aiming to produce a database of clergymen of the Church of England between 1540 and 1835.



2 Birth, Adoption, Marriage and Death

Basic genealogical information on births, marriages and deaths can be found for clergymen in just the same way as for other members of the population. It is likely that a clergyman would have been baptised, married and buried as an Anglican and that a record of these events would have been kept in the parish register of the church concerned.

Relevant registers may be identified using:

C.R. Humphery-Smith (ed.), *The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers* (3rd edn, Chichester, 2003)

After 1837 these events were registered nationally and certificates may be obtained from the General Register Office (www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/research/index.asp)

Copies of all wills admitted to probate in England and Wales from 1858 are held by the Principal Registry of the Family Division, 1st Avenue House, 42-49 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP, (www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/infoabout/civil/probate/index.htm)

For further information, contact the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, UK. (www.sog.org.uk) or your local record office (a list is maintained by the National Archives: (www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archon)). Another useful online guide to the location of sources for family history is Familia: (www.familia.org.uk)

3 University Education

The vast majority of Church of England clergymen were university graduates. Degrees prior to the 19th century would almost invariably have been at Oxford or Cambridge. The Oxbridge registers include biographical information. Registers of graduates of several of the Cambridge and Oxford colleges have also been published.

J. and J.A. Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses : a biographical list of all known students, graduates and holders of office at the University of Cambridge, from the earliest times to 1900*, (Cambridge, 1922-54). Also now available online as a searchable database through (www.ancestry.com) (subscription required).

W.D. Peckham, *Additions & Corrections to J. & J.A. Venn, Alumni Cantabrigienses*, (Lewes, 1968)

J. Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses: the members of the University of Oxford, 1500-1714...*, (Oxford, 1891-92)



J. Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses: the members of the University of Oxford, 1715-1886...*, (Oxford and London, 1888)

G.D. Burtchaell and T.U. Sadleir (eds.), *Alumni Dublinenses: a register of the students, graduates, professors and provosts of Trinity college in the University of Dublin (1593-1860)*, (Dublin, 2001, reprint with supplement) (List only, no biographical information)

Printed registers have been produced for some other universities including Durham and London (England); Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St. Andrews (Scotland).

There are also a number of published registers of schools (mainly the older public establishments).

A small number of degrees were awarded by the Archbishop of Canterbury through the Faculty Office. For information on these 'Lambeth degrees' see the Faculty Office page of the holdings section of the Lambeth Palace Library website.

Theological colleges were founded from the early nineteenth century onwards and provided education and training for non-graduates. See:

Munden and N. Pollard, *Anglican theological, missionary and educational institutions in the United Kingdom and Ireland*, (Coventry, 1998). (The Library has only limited holdings).

For recent information, see the latest edition of the *Church of England Year Book*.

4 Clerical Directories

Crockford's Clerical Directory: a Directory of the Clergy of the Church of England, the Church in Wales, the Scottish Episcopal Church, the Church of Ireland (London, 1858-).

Crockford is the basic source of career information for Anglican clergy, maintained by the Church of England. Lambeth Palace Library holds a complete set. Modern data is available online by subscription via (www.crockford.org.uk) although a small percentage (around 3%) of Anglican clergy opt not to be included in Crockford.

The first issue entitled Clerical Directory was issued in 1858 and was usually issued annually. It contains alphabetical lists of the clergy of the Church of England (though it does not include dates of birth or death or family information) and also includes clergy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, Established Church of Ireland, and certain colonial Anglican churches. It includes information on education, date and diocese of ordination as deacon (d) and priest (p), posts held and publications. It also includes details of non-stipendiary ministers and those involved in some kind of ministry outside the parochial system (including hospital, prison, educational or services chaplains).



Earlier directories (not so detailed as Crockford) include:

Clerical guide, or ecclesiastical directory... (London, 1817-29 and 1836)
Clergy List, (London, 1841-1917). This was absorbed by Crockford's Clerical Directory in 1917.

Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Revenues, report 1835. Records all clergy (with year of admission), patrons of each benefice, number of curates, income of each benefice, other preferments held by incumbents etc.

The Church of England Year Book... (London, 1883-). It includes a 'Who's Who' section (a directory of General Synod members, suffragan bishops, deans, provosts, and archdeacons who are not members of General Synod).

There are many local and diocesan publications – church calendars, yearbooks and directories, (eg *London Diocese Yearbook* and *Canterbury Diocesan Directory*) - which often contain career information and obituaries. The majority of these started publication in the 19th century. A few are held at Lambeth Palace Library but they should also be held at local reference libraries and record offices. They do not usually include detailed genealogical or biographical information.

J. Le Neve, *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae*. (London, 1716). (Revised and enlarged by T. Duffus Hardy in 1854.) This contains referenced lists of higher clergy of the Church, tracing the chronology and careers of all bishops, deans, archdeacons and canons of England and Wales from 1066 to the mid-nineteenth century, when Crockford's Clerical Directory was first published. The Institute of Historical Research is making some of the indexes available online: (www.history.ac.uk/fasti/index.html)

The companion volumes for the Church of Ireland are H. Cotton, *Fasti Ecclesiae Hibernicae...*, (Dublin, 1848-60).and for the Episcopal Church in Scotland: D.M. Bertie, *Scottish Episcopal Clergy, 1689-2000* (Edinburgh, 2000).

For other Anglican Churches overseas, see the list at the end of this guide.

J. Foster, *Index Ecclesiasticus...* (Oxford, 1890). (Includes beneficed clergy only, not curates. Covers the period 1800-1840 only. Though further volumes were planned, they were never published.)

J.Smallwood, typescript lists with biographical details of bishops, by diocese (work in progress, 41 volumes held by Lambeth Palace Library)

5 General Reference Books

Many higher clergy are included in general reference works, which can provide a starting-point for research. For Archbishops of Canterbury see the Library's



Biographical Sources for Archbishops of Canterbury 597-1070 and Biographical Sources for Archbishops of Canterbury 1052-present.

Archbishops, many bishops and significant members of the clergy have entries in the Dictionary of National Biography (DNB, the standard biographical source (with bibliographies) for people of Britain, Ireland and the colonies.

H.C.G. Matthew and B. Harrison (eds.), *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, (60 vols., Oxford, 2004).

For the 19th century, the following covers less well-known individuals, and supplements information in the DNB:

F. Boase, *Modern English Biography...of persons who have died since 1850*, (London, [1892-1921] 1965)

Who's Who: An Annual Biographical Dictionary. Has been published annually since 1849, containing detailed information on many major figures around the world. The earlier issues simply contain lists of names. The Library holds current issues only.

Who Was Who... (London, 1916-). Usually decennial. Contains the biographies removed from *Who's Who* on account of death. The most recent issue covers the period 1991-1995, and there is also *Who Was Who: A Cumulated Index 1897-1990*, (London, 1991).

F. L. Cross and E.A. Livingstone (eds.), *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, (3rd ed., Oxford, 2005) contains short biographical entries on many archbishops of Canterbury and other notable clergy, with detailed bibliographies.

The Library also has a large collection of biographies of Anglican clergy. They include memoirs of relatively obscure individuals as well as better-known clerics. See the Library's online catalogue of printed books for further information.

6 Local Information

Local record and history society publications and directories can be very helpful in unearthing information about individuals associated with a particular area, as can published family and local histories and the journals of national and local historical, genealogical and record societies.

P. Bell, *Dictionary of Edwardian Biography: master index*, (Edinburgh, 1986) cumulates the separate indexes to the original volumes of Pike's New Century Series (1898-1912) and its reprint renamed *A Dictionary of Edwardian Biography* (1983-).

Official diocesan publications (e.g. Canterbury and London) are noted under clerical directories, above. Diocesan histories may also be useful. The Library also has



substantial holdings of Irish diocesan clergy lists/biographies and histories.

Some examples of useful reference works on beneficed clergy: E.H.W. Dunkin, C. Jenkins & E.A.Fry, (ed.), *Index to the Act Books of the Archbishops of Canterbury 1663-1859* (British Record Society, 55, 63. London, 1929-1939)

G. Hennessy, *Chichester Diocese Clergy Lists...to the year 1900* (London, 1900)

G. Hennessy, *Novum Repertorium Ecclesiasticum Parochiale Londinense: or, London diocesan clergy* (London, 1898) covers the period 1321-1898, giving details of institutions and collations of incumbents.

Virginia Davis, *Clergy in London in the Late Middle Ages: a register of clergy ordained in the diocese of London based on episcopal ordination lists, 1361-1539* (London 2000), including lists on CD-ROM

Longden H.I., (ed.) *Northamptonshire and Rutland clergy from 1500* (Northampton, 1938-43)

MS. 1611 is a typescript alphabetical list of Hampshire clergy, 1250-1910, compiled by Dr S. Anderson.

Diocesan records may also contain information about about the career of an individual clergyman, though they are usually formal documents with little personal detail. D.M. Owen, *Records of the Established Church in England, excluding parochial records*, (London: British Records Association, 1970; Archives and the user; no. 1). These include ordination records and records of appointments of parochial and other clergy.

Occasionally personal details about a clergyman are given in visitation returns, answers to visitation articles circulated by a diocesan bishop or archdeacon. The articles usually asked whether the incumbent was resident in the parish, and if not whether the duty was being performed by a licensed curate. The Library has visitation returns for the diocese of Canterbury, 1758-1935, the Archbishop's peculiars, 1717-1807, and the diocese of London, 1763-1900. Call books (Libri cleri) record the names of clergy summoned to appear during a visitation. The Library has call books for the bishop of London, 1763-1803 *passim* (Fulham Papers), the archbishop's peculiars, 1637-1845 (Vicar General: VH 56), and the archdeaconry of Cornwall, 1713-1749 (Court of Arches Exhibits Ff 35c-v). The Cornish series records dates of induction of incumbents.

Details from the 1758 visitation returns for the diocese and peculiars of Canterbury were recorded by Archbishop Secker in his diocesan survey or speculum, which has recently been published: Jeremy Gregory, *The Speculum of Archbishop Thomas Secker, [1758-1768]* (Church of England Record Society, vol. 2, 1995). Other visitation returns have been published.



Parish records may contain information about the living held by an individual clergyman; sometimes personal correspondence and papers are also contained in such an archive. Parish records should be held at the local record office.

Lambeth Palace Library holds a very large collection of printed parish guides. Search the online catalogue for more information, using the name of the parish as the subject, corporate author and/or keyword.

7 Periodical Publications and Obituaries

Biographical information (including obituary notices) can be found in church and national newspapers, journal publications and annual reports, but please note that few of these are well or reliably indexed.

The Church Times...(weekly), 1863-
The Ecclesiastical Gazette...(monthly), July 1838-May 1900.
The Guardian: the Church Newspaper, (weekly), 1846-1951.
The Church of England Newspaper (Lambeth holds 1992-)

Biographical information and obituaries figure in most national and local newspapers, which may be identified from the British Library:

www.bl.uk/collections/newspapers.html

Obituaries may also be found in other periodicals, in particular the Gentleman's Magazine (1731-1868), a set of which has been transferred to Lambeth. NB The Library does not usually hold runs of these non-ecclesiastical publications although we do hold F.C. Roberts, Obituaries from The Times, 1951-60; 1961-70; 1971-1975, (Reading, 1975-79).

8 Ordination Records

Lambeth Palace Library is not a local record office and has relatively few records of ordination (admission to holy orders). They are generally housed at the diocesan record office of the bishop who carried out the ordination which will usually be the county record office. Bishops may be identified from F.M. Powicke and E.B. Fryde, Handbook of British Chronology (London, 1986).

For further information on this and on records kept by the diocesan administration, see:

D.M. Owen, *Records of the Established Church in England, excluding parochial records*, (London: British Records Association, 1970) (Archives and the user; no. 1).

Ordination records usually contain information on the date and place of ordination and the name of the ordaining bishop. The records may contain details of the



qualifications of the individual (such as the examination of literacy) and testimonials, but they do not usually contain detailed genealogical information. Candidates applying for ordination were required to provide letters testimonial, and evidence of a title, often a curacy, to which the ordinand was subsequently licensed. The papers may also include dates of birth and education.

Towards the end of the 19th century, ordination papers may in addition include reports from incumbents on ordinands officiating as curates during their year's diaconate. From the early 20th century, candidates were required to fill out detailed printed forms, which provide information on their parentage, education, and reasons for applying for orders.

The Library has incomplete holdings for London diocese for the mid-18th century, primarily of the colonial clergy. The Fulham Papers (Colonial) include the ordination papers for clergy ordained to officiate in America, 1752-1802, in Canada, and in the West Indies, 1749-1822 (Fulham Papers, vols. 21-32). There are also a few ordinations papers in the Fulham Papers (London) series, eg. Lowth 2. Records of other colonial clergy are in the papers of the Bishops of London in the Guildhall Library: (www.history.ac.uk/gh)

See also James B. Bell, *Anglican Clergy in Colonial America Ordained by the Bishops of London* (Worcester [Mass.], 1973), reprinted from *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, April 1973.

For office convenience, some diocesan officials maintained separate lists or books of ordinands. William Dickes, secretary to the bishop of London, extracted details of ordinands from the London diocesan subscription books and produced partly alphabetical and chronological lists of candidates ordained for work in the diocese of London and in the colonies, c. 1723-1780 (Fulham Papers, vols. 38, 39, 42).

Ordination papers for the diocese of Canterbury, 1902-1944, formerly held at Lambeth Palace Library are now held at Canterbury Cathedral Archives: (www.canterbury-cathedral.org/history/archives.htm)

For Randall Davidson's tenure of the see of Rochester, 1894-5, and Winchester, 1895-1902, his small collection of ordination papers formerly held in Lambeth Palace Library are now held at Hampshire Record Office: (www.hants.gov.uk/record-office)

Bishops often kept more informal notes on their ordinands, see for example the ordination book of Archbishop Herring, covering his tenure at both York and Canterbury, 1747-58 (Archbishops' Papers: Herring 1). This notes names of ordinands, their degrees, and the curacy to which they were being licensed. More detailed notebooks on ordinands were kept by the Bishops of London, such as Richard Terrick, 1764-77 (Fulham Papers: Terrick 7), C.J. Blomfield 1828-56, A.C.Tait, 1856-68 (Tait 390-4, including some Blomfield entries), John Jackson, 1869-84 (Fulham Papers: Jackson 3-9) and Arthur Winnington-Ingram, 1901-39 (Fulham Papers: Winnington-Ingram 10), and by the Archbishops from 1869-83



(Archbishops' Papers: Tait Papers 395-6), and from 1903-1935 (Archbishops' Papers: Davidson Papers, 556-8, including some entries under Archbishop Lang). The Davidson Papers also include notes on his ordinands as bishop of Rochester, 1894-5, and of Winchester, 1895-1902 (Archbishops' Papers: Davidson Papers, 555-556).

Where the ordination papers have not survived, dates of orders can be gleaned from other sources. From the Restoration, dates of ordinations held by the archbishop of Canterbury are entered in the act books of the archbishops. These volumes also record letters dimissory issued for candidates applying to the archbishop for orders, but permitted to be ordained by another bishop in his stead. Applications for dispensations for illegitimacy, ordination under-age, to receive the orders of deacon and priest together, or to be ordained by any bishop 'extra tempore' were submitted to the Master of the Faculties and the ensuing dispensation were registered in the Faculty Office muniment books.

During the late 17th and early 18th century, the archbishop of Canterbury at times required information on ordinations held by his suffragan bishops within the province. The returns are fairly haphazard and incomplete, but relate to the bishops of Bristol, Chichester, Lincoln, Norwich, St. Davids (See MSS. 639, ff. 318-54; 942/27; Vicar General records VX 1A/4a/2-5).

The archbishop also kept a register of ordinands, arranged by diocese, with notes of those refused orders, 1694 -1704 (Vicar General records VX 1A/4a/1).

From the early 18th century, records of appointments to benefices and dispensations to hold benefices in plurality entered in the act books of the archbishops often conclude with details of the applicant's orders (eg. d. 20 May 1744, N. Exon; p. 11 June 1745 Benj. Winchester - ie ordained deacon 20 May 1744 by Nicholas Claget, bishop of Exeter, and priest 11 June by Benjamin Hoadley, bishop of Winchester).

On ordination, all candidates were required to subscribe to the thirty-nine articles, and subscriptions for all of those clergy ordained by the archbishop are entered in the archbishops' subscription books.

9 Appointments of Parish Clergy

Records of the appointments of clergy by the Archbishop in the diocese and peculiars (ie. exempt jurisdictions) of Canterbury and in other dioceses within the province of Canterbury during a vacancy, or during a metropolitanical visitation (mainly pre-Restoration) are normally to be located in the Archbishops' Registers, 1272-1928.

Before the Restoration, the register was the principal record of appointments of clergy to benefices. But from the primacy of Archbishop Sheldon (1663-77), information on appointments of clergy is more easily accessible in the Act Books of



the Archbishops of Canterbury, 1663-1963.

With a few exceptions, records of the institution of clergy during the vacancy of the see of Canterbury are entered in the registers of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury which are in Canterbury Cathedral Library. However, following the suspension of Archbishop Sancroft (1689-91), the see was administered by the Dean and Chapter, but the Dean and Chapter Register is in the Library, within the Archbishops' Registers.

For the 19th century, the key source for the exact dates of clerical appointments is the Ecclesiastical Gazette, for which the Library holds a set for 1838-1899.

The Archbishops' Registers and Act Books of the Archbishops include few details of the licensing of stipendiary curates, and most of these relate to the Peculiars (exempt jurisdictions) of Croydon, Shoreham and the Arches.

All clergy on licensing and institution were required to subscribe to the Thirty-Nine Articles, and these are recorded in the subscription books, mainly from 1660.

10 Service Chaplains

The standard works on the service chaplains are:

A.G. Kealy, *Chaplains of the Royal Navy, 1626-1903*, (Portsmouth, 1905?)

G.C. Taylor, *The sea chaplains: a history of the chaplains of the Royal Navy*, (Oxford, 1978)

J.G. Smyth, *In this sign conquer: the story of the Army chaplains*, (London, 1968)

G.C. Zahn, *Chaplains in the R.A.F : a study in role tension* , (Manchester, 1969)

There is also a Museum of Army Chaplaincy:
(<http://www.chaplains-museum.hampshire.org.uk/>)

11 Noblemen's Chaplains

Peers of the Realm could appoint their own domestic chaplains, and provided that these chaplains showed evidence of learning (usually an M.A.), and had their appointment registered by the Faculty Office, they could apply to the latter to hold more than one benefice in plurality.

From 1660 to 1914, there are registers of noblemen's chaplains which record the dates of the appointment and registration. Most volumes include an index of noblemen. Records of dispensations to hold benefices in plurality are recorded in the



Faculty Office muniment books from 1660 onwards. For the years, 1660-3, these are the principal record for the issue of dispensations.

Thereafter, the Act Books of the Archbishops record all the salient details relating to grants of dispensation to hold in plurality, such as name of cleric, the nobleman for whom he was chaplain, the two benefices, county, diocese, values, and date. This aspect of the Archbishop's jurisdiction exercised through the Faculty Office extended over the whole of England and Wales, and not just the province of Canterbury.

12 Members of the Chapel Royal

There is a list of personnel in D. Baldwin, *The Chapel Royal: Ancient and Modern* (London, 1990). There are some other sources at the Library.

13 Missionaries and Anglican Clergymen Abroad

The principal Anglican missionary societies are the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG), the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and the Church Missionary Society.

The Library holds some records of the SPG, for which a calendar has been published. These records are also available on microfilm from World Microfilms: (www.microworld.uk.com) or on loan from the British Library: (www.bl.uk)

Other SPG records are held at the Bodleian Library of Commonwealth and African Studies at Rhodes House: (www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/rhodes)

The SPCK archive is held at the Cambridge University Library: (www.lib.cam.ac.uk/MSS) and the Church Missionary Society archive is held at the Birmingham University Library: (www.is.bham.ac.uk)

For the location of records of other missionary societies, contact the National Archives or consult the Mundus website: (www.mundus.ac.uk)

Prior to the establishment of dioceses abroad, the activities of Anglicans overseas were generally administered by the bishops of London. The records of this administration (the Fulham Papers) are held by the Library and a calendar has been published. The records are also available on microfilm from World Microfilms or on loan from the British Library. See above for ordination records for colonial clergy.

Further information on clergy in Europe may be held at the Guildhall Library, including records of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, and the diocese of Gibraltar.

After the establishment of dioceses abroad, records of their administration should be



held locally. For the addresses of foreign dioceses, see *The Church of England Yearbook*. The Library holds some published directories for foreign dioceses and other Anglican churches, but the series are by no means complete. Many Anglican clergy were educated or trained in England and information may be obtainable from the other sources detailed in this guide.

For Anglican clergy in New Zealand, Polynesia and Melanesia, prior to 1930, the following directory may be useful: (http://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain_directory/)

The following publications may also be helpful:

R. Frappell, L. Frappell, R. Nobbs and R. Withycombe (eds.), *Anglicans in the Antipodes. An indexed calendar of the papers and correspondence of the archbishops of Canterbury, 1788-1961, relating to Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific*, Bibliographies and Indexes in Religious Studies 50 (Westport, Connecticut and London, 1999)

G.Yeo, *The British Overseas: a guide to records of their births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials, available in the United Kingdom* (3rd edn, Guildhall Library, London, 1994)

R. Seton and E. Naish, *A preliminary guide to the archives of British missionary societies* (School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 1992)

14 The Commonwealth Period (1642-1662)

The standard reference sources for persecuted clergy are:

A.G. Matthews, *Walker revised: being a revision of John Walker's Sufferings of the clergy during the Grand Rebellion, 1642-1660*, (Oxford, 1988) contains biographies for Anglican clergy persecuted 1642-60.

A.G. Matthews, *Calamy revised: being a revision of Edmund Calamy's Account of the Ministers and others ejected and silenced, 1660-2* (Oxford, 1988) gives biographical accounts of the Puritan clergy ejected from their livings.

The Library holds records of church administration during the Commonwealth period which includes some details of ministers (Commonwealth Records; MSS 1643-68).

15 Other Anglican Churches

Many individual Anglican provinces publish annual clerical directories and lists, including:

Anglican Church in Australia, *The Australian Anglican Directory*



Anglican Church of Canada, *The Anglican Year Book*
Church of Ireland, *Church of Ireland Directory*
Raymond Refausse, *Church of Ireland Records*, (Maynooth Research Guides for Irish Local History: Number 2, 2006)
James G. Ryan, *Irish church records: their history, availability and use in family and local history research* (Glenageary, 1992)

The Church of Ireland Representative Church Body Library may also be of interest: (www.ireland.anglican.org/library)

Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, *Clerical directory*
Episcopal Church in Scotland, *Scottish Episcopal Church Directory*
Church of the Province of Southern Africa, *Clerical Directory*
Protestant Episcopal Church USA, *The Episcopal Clerical Directory* (also available at (www.ecdplus.org))

Further information on directories of the Anglican provinces can be found in *Crockford's*.

Many dioceses of the Anglican Churches overseas also issue directories and yearbooks. There are also compilations on the clergy of individual dioceses, many of which are held at Lambeth.

16 Further Collections at Lambeth Palace Library

The previous sections describe the most likely sources for clerical biographical information at Lambeth, but almost any area of the Library's holdings might include biographical information on Anglican clerics, depending on their interests and career. For example:

- Ecclesiastical court cases (Court of Arches records; published cases)
- Archbishops' Papers (possible correspondence)
- Bishop of London Papers (possible correspondence)
- Canterbury Convocation records
- Anglican societies (eg Church of England Men's Society, Church of England Temperance Society, English Church Union, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel etc.)
- Main manuscripts sequence (includes clerical papers etc.)
- Printed works by Anglican clerics (see our online catalogue of printed books)