Sermon resources in Special Collections
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The Wolfson Reading Room
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Introduction
Many individuals and institutions have deposited their papers with the University; as a result it has acquired an unrivalled collection of material not solely relating to the history and culture of the north-east of Scotland but also of national and international importance.

There are numerous collections of sermons from various faiths and not restricted to the north-east of Scotland. Faiths represented include Roman Catholic, Episcopalian and Presbyterian.

Please note that this factsheet should be consulted in conjunction with the factsheets QG HCOL017: Ecclesiastical resources in Special Collections and QG HCOL030: Personal papers in Special Collections.

Manuscript sermons
Please note that there a number of sermons as part of the Episcopalian Church, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney archive (MS 3320).

Gillespie, Thomas, Dunfermline: 1771 (MS 159).
Gorham, George, Old Deer: 1815 (MS 1057).
Hamilton, William: sermons: 1676 (MS 1046).
Henley, John: 1748 – 1749 (MS 118).
Kirkland, Alexander: 1809 – 1843 (MS 3410).
Mowatt, John, Aberdeen: 1709 (MS 514).
Richardson, Andrew, Inverkeithing: 1784 – 1785 (MS 117).
Robertson, James, Leuchars: 1713 – 1716 (MS 157).
Scougal, Henry, minister and Professor of Divinity: sermons: c.1675 (MS 2612).
Young, Alexander, Peebles, Traquair, Edinburgh: 1735 – 1736 (MS 2541).

There are many unidentified sermons and these are arranged below in date order:

Unidentified collection of sermons: 14th century (MS 154).

Unidentified, various Presbyterian and Cameronian preachers: 1662 – 1690 (MS 2730).

Unidentified, Glasgow: 1679 – 1702 (MS 1044).

'Urim and Thummim; or, A Sermon preached to the clergie of Aberdene' by an unknown preacher: 1689 – 1690 (MS 2366).

Unidentified sermons and religious essays: collection of sermons by an unknown author: 1695 – 1696 (MS 2509).

Unidentified volume of sermons by an unknown author: 17th century (MS 2185).
Unidentified sermons and religious essays: 'The Gospel Mystery of Sanctification' (part) by an unknown author: 17th century – 18th century (MS 2508).

Unidentified sermons and religious essays: essay written on 'The sufficiency of natural religion' by an unknown author: late 17th or early 18th century (MS 2510).

Unidentified sermons preached in the Episcopal Church of Scotland or the Church of England: 1714 – 1715 (MS 513).

Unidentified sermons and religious essays: notes on St Simon and St Jude and text of sermon on Matthew by an unknown author: July 1728 (MS 2511).

Unidentified sermons, Aberdeen: 1730 – 1733 (MS 547).

Unidentified sermons, Aberdeenshire and Kincardineshire: 1759 – 1777 (MS 983).

Unidentified sermons, Kingoldrum, Angus: c.1768 (MS 665).

Unidentified sermons, Scottish Episcopal Church, Meiklefolla, Macterry: 1774 – 1862 (MS 3504).

Unidentified sermons (possibly by George Gleig, Church of Scotland) lectures and sermons delivered at Arbroath: 1792 -1796 (MS 899).

Printed collections

The Local Collection, accessible via the Reading Room, also contains relevant material such as core reference works.

There are also named collections of relevance:

Blairs College Library
www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special/collections/cld/57/

Brown-Lindsay & Christ's College pamphlet collection contains many printed sermons encompassing 300 years of the history of the dissenting Presbyterian Churches (particularly in Scotland). It contains many sermons preached to, or under the aegis of the Society in Scotland for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge in the Highlands and Islands (SSPCK).
www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special/collections/brown-lindsay/

Diocesan Library Collection
www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special/collections/cld/14/

MacBean Jacobite and Stuart Collection contains many printed sermons. For more information see here:
www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special/collections/cld/27/

See also Mabel Allardyce, Aberdeen University Library MacBean Collection (Aberdeen: Aberdeen University Press, 1949).

Nicoll Manse Collection. Items from the library of the Rev. Harry Nicoll (1812-1891). There are some 2,460 titles; please see the main library catalogue.

Theological Library Collection
www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special/collections/cld/38/

Access

Materials are available upon request for consultation in the Reading Room. Please search online catalogues to identify individual items.
www.abdn.ac.uk/library/about/special/search-catalogues/

Further reading

For further reading please also see the studies of a number of manuscripts, printed books and collections in the journals Aberdeen University Library Bulletin, Aberdeen University Review and Northern Scotland.

For more see the factsheet QG HCOL017: Ecclesiastical resources in Special Collections.

Links

National Register of Archives
http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/