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**A Guide To The
Kenneth Leech
Archive**

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Introduction

When Ken Leech retired from full-time ministry in 2004, he deposited a large amount of audio, visual, and written documentation with the Royal Foundation of St Katharine at Limehouse. It was understandable that he should do this as much of his prophetic presence was in East London, As Ken's 2006 book, *Doing Theology in Altab Ali Park*, made clear, he was involved with St Katharine's for many years, including playing a part in the process that led to the formation of the Contextual Theology Centre based at the Foundation.

This guide has been produced to assist users identify the nature and range of sources that are located in the Archive. Some of the material was organised when deposited and the classification used for this catalogue reflects much of that original categorisation but within new thematic groupings based on information available at August 23rd, 2007:

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The first three sections are primary sources whilst sections five, six and seven contain mainly secondary works. The fourth section has a mixture of both. The last section is reserved for future material about Ken Leech that may be acquired or deposited.

This Archive is an invaluable historical, ministerial, and theological resource for students of Anglican Catholicism, Christian socialism, Church history, social policy, and political history. It also provides a glimpse of a remarkable priest:

It's 1965 or so since I first kept
this Journal and they are a good,
if unbalanced and uneven, record
of my soul.

So wrote Ken Leech on Tuesday November 5th, 1991 in one of the workbooks that he deposited in the Archive. His words apply to the rich and varied legacy of other material that he donated.

SECTION ONE

Tapes, Workbooks and Personal Documents

No.	Title	Details
I.1	Workbooks 1985-1987	Handwritten journals for (a) March-September 1985; (b) September-November 1985; (c) December 1985-March 1986; (d) March-June 1986; (e) June-September 1986; (f) September-December 1986; (g) January-May 1987; (h) June-October 1987.
I.2	Workbooks 1987-1990	Handwritten journals for (a) April-September 1987; (b) 1987-1988; (c) February-June 1988; (d) October-December 1988; (e) February-June; 1989; (f) June 1989; (g) November 1989-February 1990; (h) February 1990-July 1990.
I.3	Workbooks 1990-1993	Handwritten journals for (a) July-December 1990; (b) December 1990-April 1991; (c) April-August 1991; (d) September-December 1991; (e) December 1991-March 1992; (f) July 1992-January 1993; (g) January 1993-June 1993; (h) June-August 1993.
I.4	Workbooks 1994-1998	Handwritten journals for (a) August 1994-January 1995; (b) February 1995-August 1995; (c) February-July 1996; (d) February-May 1997; (e) May-August 1997; (f) August-September 1997; (g) February-May 1998.
I.5	Workbooks 1999-2004	Handwritten journals for (a) February-May 1999; (b) May-July 1999; (c) July-September 1999; (d) June-December 2000; (e) June-September 2001; (f) January-April 2002; (g) November-December 2002; (h) 2001-2003; (i) 2001-2004.
I.6	Documents and Tapes	(a) 17 cassette tapes mainly of Ken Leech speaking 1983- 2000 (1 undated); (b) 1 video tape of a Ken Leech lecture February 1996; (c) 1 visitor's book of signatures 1967-1971; (d) 1 handwritten accounts book 1987-1991; (e) folder of letters by and to Kenneth Leech including with Enoch Powell MP 1979 and Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield re a dismissal case 2000-2001.

SECTION TWO

Folders and Thesis

No.	Title	Details
2.1	pre-1959	Includes articles in Hyde Grammar School magazine 1954-1955; & letters from Carl Jung 1956-57.
2.2	1961	Includes letters to newspapers; & award of Barry Prize Certificate at King's College, London 1961.
2.3	1962	Contains press cutting re 'Catholic movement'.
2.4	1963	Includes proposal for a Christian Mission for West Stepney; & letters to newspapers.
2.5	1975	Includes worksheets; 1975 <i>Church Times</i> profile; & various articles, (including on exorcism), & cuttings.
2.6	1976	Includes press cuttings of newspaper column; Rector's report; & St Matthew's Day letter.
2.7	1977	Includes material on anti-racist work; press cuttings; & letters from Bishop of Stepney re parish.
2.8	1978	Includes cuttings, (including death threat), & letters, (some hostile), re anti-racism, drugs, & sexuality.
2.9	1982	Includes published articles & letters; pastoral work; CRRU Projects Fund papers re C of E Board for Social Responsibility.
2.10	1984	Includes cuttings, papers & letters re anti-racist work including with Members of Parliament.
2.11	1985	Includes correspondence with Dr Roger Scruton.
2.12	1986	Includes complaints about TV programme; profile of Michael Ramsey; & cuttings & letters including with George Austin re Saul Alinsky.
2.13	1987	Includes published profile; financial letters; Runnymede Trust correspondence; & press cuttings.
2.14	1988	Includes letters re LGCM with <i>Mail on Sunday</i> ; <i>Searchlight</i> review; & article re Graham Leonard.
2.15	1989	Includes letters with <i>Association of Christian Teachers</i> re book review & Dacorum Council re poll tax; & Runnymede Trust papers & reports.
2.16	1999	Includes North American material; letter from Bishop of Stepney; open testimonial re <i>Release</i> .
2.17	2003	Includes correspondence with Rowan Williams re LGCM & other matters; & North America material.
2.18	Folder	Letters re Iona Group 1954-1955.
2.19	Folder	Papers and booklets re North America.
2.20	Thesis	Bound 1973 part-document – pages 44-748.

SECTION THREE

Christendom Trust Project Folders

No.	Title	Details
3.1	Job Description and Report	Includes contract of employment with St Botolph Aldgate 1993; job descriptions; background to the post; & supporting rationale by Kenneth Leech.
3.2	Comments by Various People	References and testimonials, (1993), in support of St Botolph and Kenneth Leech re funding applications.
3.3	Urban Theology Papers	Includes papers and reports 1991-1995 about theology in East End of London including profile of the area, theology in Aldgate, the role of a theologian in <i>Altab Ali Park</i> , East End and plurality of faiths, anti-racist work; also <i>Upstairs, Downstairs: Theology at St Botolph's</i> , (1993).
3.4	Early Correspondence	Includes correspondence from the Bishop of London October 14th 1996.
3.5	General Correspondence	Contains letter from Angela Cunningham, December 12 th , 1998, about future funding of project.
3.6	Miscellaneous	Miscellany of project reports, various dates
3.7	Reports to Support Group	Various reports between 1994 and 2005.
3.8	Accommodation	Invoices and correspondence 1993-2003 about building matters; also private and confidential letter to Bishop of London, April 3 rd 1993.
3.9	2003 Accounts	Correspondence, bank statements, & income & expenditure accounts.
3.10	Copies of Accounts	Various income & expenditure sheets 1991-1997.
3.11	Annual Reports	Yearly reports, 1991-1998, about the project.
3.12	Christendom Sheets	Receipts, fund details, banker's order forms.
3.13	Foreign Cheques	Negotiation forms re foreign cheques.
3.14	Management Group	Undated documentation, circ 1995-1998.
3.15	<i>Christendom Papers</i>	Mainly theology & ministry – includes reports & reflections on various themes of urban theology & spirituality; list of support group members; list of management group support & advisory panel members; also correspondence including undated letter from Janet Batsleer re an Institute of Contextual Theology.
3.16	Cheque Fraud	Correspondence and bank statements re stolen cheques and their false encashment.

SECTION FOUR

Correspondence, Miscellany, Audio and Video Tapes

No.	Title	Details
4.1	Miscellany	5 plastic envelopes containing Kenneth Leech articles, letters, notes, & Jubilee Group material.
4.2	Correspondence	2 bundles of personal correspondence, mainly postcards, to Kenneth Leech together with a folder of miscellaneous correspondence.
4.3	Immigration	Green Box File containing 8 pamphlets about race matters; various press cuttings and articles about art, culture, cannabis, other drugs, race, urban politics, & social issues.
4.4	Audio and Video Tapes	6 video tapes, various dates - some undated; (b) 8 audio tapes of music and talks, mainly undated.
4.5	Video Tapes	6 video tapes, mainly undated.
4.6	Video Tapes	6 video tapes, mainly undated.

SECTION FIVE

Books and Pamphlets

No.	Title	Details
5.1	4 Books	(a) Tony Holden, 'Keeping Faith: Ten Years of Inner City Ministry', 1988; (b) Kenneth Leech, 'The Eye of the Storm', 1999 reprint, first published 1992, reprinted 1997 [The HarperCollins Religious Book Award 1993]; (c) Maylanne Maybee, (editor), 'All Who Minister: New Ways of Serving God's People', 2001; (d) Bertha Sokoloff: The Life of Edith Ramsay, 1987.
5.2	6 Journals	(a) 'Sewanee Theological Review', Christmas 1994, Volume 38:1; (b) 'Anglican Theological Review', Summer 1996, Volume LXXVIII, No 3, Summer 1996 [annotated]; (c) 'Anglican Theological Review', Volume LXXVIII, Fall 1996; (d) 'Anglican Theological Review', Fall 1999, Volume 81, Number 4; (e) 'New Theology Review', Volume 17, Number 1, February 2004; (f) 'Sewanee Theological Review', Easter 2004, Volume 47:2.

SECTION SIX

Other Material about Theology and Ministry

No.	Title	Details
6.1	Community Ministry	9 booklets about aspects of community ministry, covering anti-racism, demography, drugs, mental health; (1969-1998, some undated).
6.2	Contextual Theology	(a) 3 sets of worship exercises by <i>Evangelical Urban Training Project</i> ; (b) 1985 RSA seminar on trends in historical revisionism; (c) 1985 copy of <i>Third World Book Review</i> edition on 'Christian Faith and Third World Liberation'; (d) <i>Church Women United</i> booklet, (circ. 1993), 'Ethical Choices: Developing Critical Consciousness with the Middle Class'; (e) copy of 'Anglican Ministry in Outer Housing Estates', June 1995, (pp 1-2 missing); (f) <i>Searchlight Community Handbook</i> 1995; (g) 2000 edition of 1999 research report on church engagement with 'New Deal for Communities' programme; (h) 2004 Conference Report on 'The Response of Local Churches To Political Extremism'.
6.3	Dissertations and Tracts	(a) Stanley G Evans, 'The Church in the Back Streets', 1962; (b) Ian M Fraser & Joseph E O'Brien, (editors), Conference Report 'A Theology for Britain in the 80's', 1981; (c) Arthur Gafke & Bruce McSpadden, 'Pastor as Organizer: A Model for Pastoral Ministry', 1989; (d) Tim Scott, 'Glimpses of Hope', 1994; (e) Paul Charles Hullyer, "A Faithful Calling: An Examination of Pastoral Theology & Practice in the East End of London 1850-1900, with Particular Reference To Stewart Headlam, Charles Lowder, and Lincoln Stanhope Wainwright; (f) Margaret O'Connor, 'A Voice From The Hills: Thomas Merton Prophet, Monk and Poet', 1998.
6.4	East End	(a) Sets of papers relating to Stepney, its Council and to municipal housing, 1946-1949 + some undated; photographs – mainly 1950's and 1960's.
6.5	East London	15 booklets and 1 loose sheet about aspects of life in East London covering anti-racism, anti-social behaviour, employment, health, homelessness, housing, industry, local history, & mental health; 8 1980-1994, rest undated.

SECTION SEVEN

Press Cuttings and Journal Extracts

No.	Title	Details
7.1	Journal Extracts	Various extracts from published Journals over many years, including about Anglican ecclesiology, biblical studies, christian socialism, community development, political theology, & social issues.
7.2	Press Cuttings	Press cuttings over many years covering various cultural, historical, political, & theological topics.
7.3	Press Cuttings	More press cuttings over many years covering various cultural, historical, political, & theological topics.
7.4	Press Cuttings	Further press cuttings over many years covering various cultural, historical, political, & theological topics.
7.5	Sundry Artefacts	Annotated bag containing blank notebook, addressed empty envelopes, & labelled empty folders and filing cases; in some instances, material has been located elsewhere in this Archive.

SECTION EIGHT

Later Acquisitions

This section is reserved for future referencing of any further material that may be acquired or deposited.

Further Information

Archive

The *Kenneth Leech Archive* is at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine in Limehouse, East London.

Anyone wishing to consult it should first contact Rev'd Canon David Driscoll. He can be contacted at the Foundation, e-mail Ddriscoll@stkatharine.org.uk, fax 020 7702 7603, telephone 020 7790 3540.

St Katharine's

St Katharine's Guest Entrance is located in its car park, immediately adjacent to Limehouse Docklands Light Railway (DLR) station with easy access by tube, rail and road.

By Tube

Limehouse is in travel card zone 2 and can be reached via Central, Circle, District, or Northern line to Bank, change to Docklands Light Railway (DLR) and Limehouse is five minutes away, second stop from Bank or Tower Gateway.

At Limehouse station, St Katharine's is signposted: go under the railway bridge, turn left into Butcher Row, St Katharine's is 50 yards along on the left.

By Rail

Various services to Limehouse station from Fenchurch Street station.

By Car

From Tower of London take Highway (A1203). Immediately before entrance to the Limehouse Tunnel, turn left into Butcher Row. St Katharine's is on the right.

From the M25, turn off at exit 30. Take new A13 dual carriage way through Dagenham to Stepney and Limehouse.

By Bus

Number 15 bus runs from central London, (Trafalgar Square and The Strand), to Limehouse.

By Air

London City Airport – then take Docklands Light Railway (DLR) or taxi.