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Studies in Church History 58 takes as its theme *The Church in Sickness and in Health*. For the first time in the history of the Ecclesiastical History Society, this volume did not arise from a summer conference: along with so many other events, the 2020 Summer Conference, due to explore 'The Church and Rites of Passage', had to be postponed. Under the extended presidency of Professor Alec Ryrie, the committee of the Ecclesiastical History Society issued a call for papers for a volume exploring the Church's approach to sickness and to health. This volume comprises twenty peer-reviewed articles selected from those submitted, some of which were presented at the 2021 Winter Meeting, held online.

These articles offer fascinating insights into the Church's response to previous pandemics, and the current one, and the way in which themes of sickness and health have shaped the self-understandings of individual Christians as well as communities. The standard of research presented here is particularly noteworthy given the difficulties in undertaking historical research during the closure of, or limited access to, libraries and archives during the pandemic. In some cases, this volume illustrates and demonstrates the academic value of the remarkable range of digitized materials now available to historians.

We are grateful to the EHS committee for their support in this endeavour, and particularly to Professor Ryrie for his engagement throughout his extended presidency. We also thank everyone who submitted papers for consideration for the volume, and those who peer reviewed the contributions, thereby helping the society to ensure that the volume is of the highest quality. Dr Tim Grass continued his meticulous work as assistant editor, joined latterly by Dr Alice Soulieux-Evans. We are particularly grateful to the Ecclesiastical History Society for funding two assistant editor posts during this period of transition. In addition, the careful planning of the society's conference secretary, Professor Elizabeth Tingle, ensured the smooth running of the first online Winter Meeting. She was supported by the society's outgoing and incoming secretaries, Dr Gareth Atkins and Dr

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Jacqueline Rose, by the EHS treasurer, Simon Jenkins, and by other members of the committee.

The Ecclesiastical History Society awards two annual prizes for articles accepted for publication in *Studies in Church History*. The Kennedy Prize, for the best contribution by a postgraduate student, has been awarded to Jemima Jarman, for her article 'Ministering to Body and Soul: Medical Missions and the Jewish Community in Nineteenth-Century London'. The President's Prize, for the best contribution by an early career scholar, has been awarded to Robert W. Daniel, for 'Godly Preaching, in Sickness and Ill-Health, in Seventeenth-Century England'. Each author used meticulous research to offer an important contribution to this theme.

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Abbreviations

<i>AHR</i>	<i>American Historical Review</i> (1895–)
BAV	Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
<i>BHM</i>	<i>Bulletin of the History of Medicine</i> (1939–)
BL	British Library
BN	Bibliothèque nationale de France
Bodl.	Bodleian Library
CChr.SL	Corpus Christianorum, series Latina (1953–)
<i>CHC</i>	<i>Cambridge History of Christianity</i> , 9 vols (Cambridge, 2005–9)
<i>ChH</i>	<i>Church History</i> (1932–)
CSEL	Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum (Vienna, 1866–)
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i> (1886–)
<i>EME</i>	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i> (1992–)
FOTC	Fathers of the Church (Washington DC, 1989–)
<i>GH</i>	<i>Gender and History</i> (1989–)
<i>HistJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i> (1958–)
<i>HR</i>	<i>Historical Research</i> (1986–)
<i>IBMR</i>	<i>International Bulletin of Missionary Research</i> , o.s. 1–10, n.s. vols 1–39 (1950–2015); <i>International Bulletin of Mission Research</i> , vol. 40 on (2016–)
<i>JBR</i>	<i>Journal of the Bible and its Reception</i> (2014–)
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i> (1961–)
<i>JCR</i>	<i>Journal of Contemporary Religion</i> (1985–)
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i> (1950–)
<i>JHCY</i>	<i>Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth</i> (2008–)
<i>JICH</i>	<i>Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History</i> (1972–)
<i>JMedH</i>	<i>Journal of Medieval History</i> (1975–)
<i>JMH</i>	<i>Journal of Modern History</i> (1929–)
<i>JRH</i>	<i>Journal of Religious History</i> (1960–)
<i>JThS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i> (1899–)
LCL	Loeb Classical Library
<i>MH</i>	<i>Medical History</i> (1957–)
n.d.	no date
n.pl.	no place
n.s.	new series

Abbreviations

ODNB	H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Harrison, eds, <i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 63 vols (Oxford, 2004), and subsequent online versions
OHA	Rowan Strong, gen. ed., <i>Oxford History of Anglicanism</i> , 5 vols (Oxford, 2017–18)
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i> (1952–)
SC	<i>Seventeenth Century</i> (1986–)
SC	Sources Chrétiennes (Paris, 1941–)
SCH	Studies in Church History
SCJ	<i>Sixteenth Century Journal</i> (1970–2006)
SHM	<i>Social History of Medicine</i> (1988–)
<i>s.v.</i>	<i>sub verbo</i> ('under the word')
TCBH	<i>Twentieth Century British History</i> (1990–)
TNA	The National Archives
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i> (1871–)
TTH	Translated Texts for Historians
UL	University Library
UH	<i>Urban History Yearbook</i> , vols 1–18 (1974–91); <i>Urban History</i> , from vol. 19 (1991–)
VS	<i>Victorian Studies</i> (1956–)
WA	<i>D. Martin Luthers Werke: Kritische Gesamtausgabe</i> , ed. J. K. F. Knaake et al. (Weimar / Berlin / Heidelberg, 1883–2009)
WA, Br	<i>D. Martin Luthers Werke: Kritische Gesamtausgabe. Briefwechsel</i> , 18 vols (Weimar, 1930–85)
WSA	<i>The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the Twenty-First Century</i> (Garden City, NY, 1990–)

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