

PREFACE

Christianity and Religious Plurality is the subject of the fifty-first volume of *Studies in Church History*. This was the theme of the Summer Conference of the Ecclesiastical History Society held at the University of Chichester in July 2013 and the Winter Meeting in January 2014, presided over by Professor John Wolffe. This volume collects the plenary lectures from both events and a selection of the communications offered at Chichester.

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