

BOOKING

Fee £270 (including refreshments and lunch on all course dates)

Full payment is required on booking.

Owing to the nature of the course, the number of participants is limited to 28.

For booking, enquiries or special arrangements please contact :

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19 The Close
Salisbury SP1 2EE

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You may also download a booking form from:
www.sarum.ac.uk

Accommodation may also be available before and after the course. All visitor rooms are comfortably furnished and have tea and coffee-making facilities and many have views of the gardens over the Close and the Cathedral. The refectory offers freshly-prepared meals using local and organic produce whenever possible.

Sarum College has an equal opportunities policy and welcomes students and visitors with disabilities.

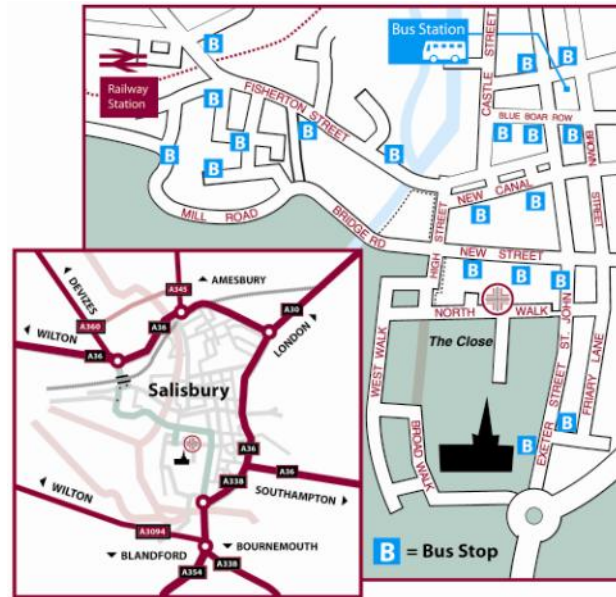
Please discuss any special requirements with a member of our Hospitality staff.

Cancellation policy

Ten percent of the course fee is a non-refundable deposit. Fees are not refunded to those who cancel within 28 days of courses run by Sarum College.

Sarum College reserves the right to alter the content and timing of the course, replace the tutor or cancel a course on the rare occasions these actions may be necessary.

How To Find Us



Public transport is the best way to travel to Sarum College.

Arrival by bus or train

The College is approximately a 15-minute walk from either station.

Park and Ride

There are four drop-off sites:

From the North: A345 (Beehive Roundabout)

From the South: A338 at Britford

From the East: A30 London Road

From the West: A36 At Wilton.

The connecting bus stops within a 10-minute walk of Sarum.

For details visit the Park and Ride website:

www.salisbury.gov.uk/transport/parking/park-and-ride.htm

By car

Parking in the College grounds is subject to availability.

Enter Cathedral Close from the High Street Gate, via either New Street or Crane Street. Turn left into North Walk.

Sarum College is 100 metres further, opposite Bishop's Walk.

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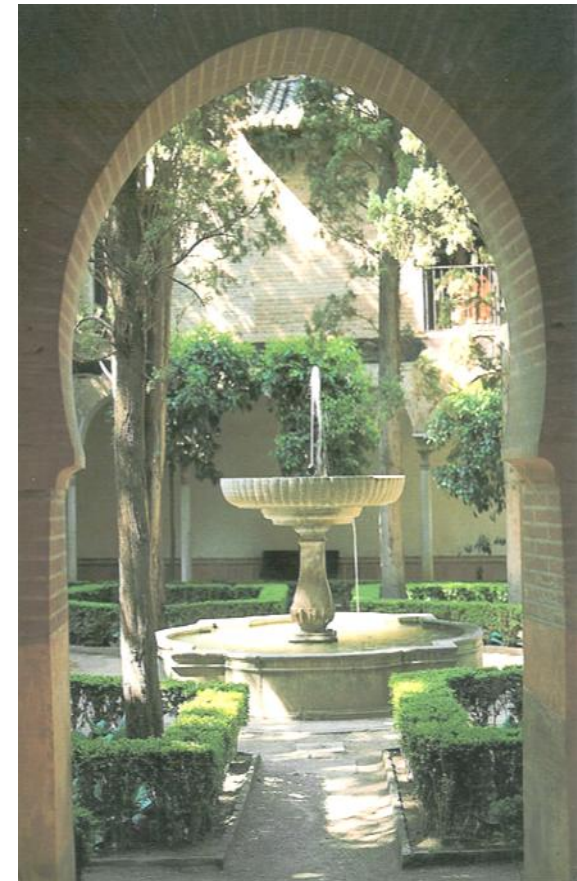
Christian Spirituality

The Heart of the Divine

Rediscovering Christian Spirituality Today

October 2010 to March 2011

Six once-monthly sessions



learning to nourish the human spirit

The Heart of the Divine: Rediscovering Christian Spirituality Today

One of the most exciting, and some would say surprising, developments of recent years has been the re-emergence of *spirituality* as a major force in social and personal understanding of the world.

This course explores the riches of the Christian spiritual tradition and its relevance for today during six once-monthly sessions. Each day will include input from experienced speakers, followed by opportunities for personal reflection, group reflection and practical exercises.

Throughout there will be a blend of academic and experiential learning. We hope it will appeal as much to the heart as the mind - an invitation into *The Heart of the Divine*.

Who is the course for?

The course will interest those who:

- Want to deepen their understanding of Christian spirituality.
- Organise workshops/conferences in spirituality.
- Work in retreat or spirituality centres.
- Are responsible for church renewal.
- Are involved in the spirituality aspects of training programmes.
- Want to develop an interest in spirituality with formal study.
- Want to develop their own spirituality.
- Are planning sabbaticals or time for reflection/study.

Who can apply?

The course is fully ecumenical and open to seekers of all traditions.

COURSE AIMS

- To enable participants to reconnect with and awaken their own spirituality
- To develop skills of reflection and discernment while promoting commitment to personal soul work
- To deepen understanding of key aspects of the Christian spiritual tradition
- **To integrate participants' understanding of spirituality into their lives**
- To explore emerging trends in spirituality in society
- To discuss current trends in academic scholarship.

The course runs from 10 am to 5 pm.

There will be the opportunity to attend Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral at 5.30pm.

Facilitators

Dr Susan Stephenson (Course Leader) is Programme Leader for the MA in Christian Spirituality. She is a member of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Sr Mairead Quigley RSCJ is a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and chaplain at Sarum College; her role includes spiritual direction, retreats and supervision.

Br Patrick Moore FSC is a De La Salle Brother and a scholar-in-residence at Sarum College. His doctoral studies were in aesthetics.

Revd Barbara Mosse is an Anglican priest; her teaching and research interests include Celtic and medieval spirituality.

COURSE OUTLINE

21 October The Desert and The Call
The course begins by looking at how the Christian tradition has understood the call of God arising within the *desert of the heart*. We examine the tradition in scripture and the first Christian desert fathers and mothers.

18 November Guides for the Journey
Any journey requires guides: compasses, maps and information on the terrain. We consider traditional Christian guides for the journey: centring prayer, spiritual discernment, stillness and meditation.

16 December The Dance of Creation
The Christian tradition has always respected the *Book of Creation*. Today we explore it through the eyes of two important movements in Christianity: the Celtic and Franciscan traditions. We shall also see how we relate to matter and space through simple body movement.

13 January In the Service of Love
The teachings of Jesus have always emphasised the role of *service* and *social action* to protect us from false and selfish spiritualities. We shall explore the relationship between contemplation and action through the writings of Thomas Merton and the Quaker tradition and reflect on our **understanding of 'work'**.

17 February Rebirth and Dark Night
The *mystical tradition* of Christianity has emphasised the *hidden face of God*, a God who reveals and conceals in unknowing and darkness. We explore this tradition and reflect on the lives of those who have found spiritual **resources in 'dark times'**.

18 March **Journey's End?**

To conclude our course we reflect on what we have learnt so far and explore how Christian spirituality can be brought into conversation with other traditions.