

## PRESS INFORMATION

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# Forgiveness: Simple Truths; Complex Realities

Julie Nicholson, mother of terrorist attack victim, to speak at Sarum College

Julie Nicholson, whose daughter was killed in the July 2005 London bombings, will speak about forgiveness at a public meeting of Postscript to Theology Quest and Questions at Sarum College in Salisbury's Cathedral Close at 7pm on Thursday 30 June.

"As a parish priest the idea of forgiveness was part of my life and work. I prayed for forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer, and stood at the altar to pronounce God's forgiveness on the congregation. But to be honest I'm not sure how deeply I'd thought about what forgiveness meant beyond the theory and theology," Nicholson says. "Then on the 7th of July 2005 my 24 year-old daughter Jenny was killed at Edgware Road tube station as she travelled to work. She was blown up along with 51 other people by four suicide bombers."

Nicholson is the author of *A Song for Jenny* and an ordained priest in the Church of England. Her career has spanned nursing, teaching, directing and more recently writing and broadcasting. Until 2005 she was priest in charge of an East Bristol parish. Following the death of her eldest daughter, Nicholson stepped aside from parish ministry and is now working as a freelance writer and writing a second book.

Tickets on the door, £7 including a glass of wine/soft drink. Arrivals at 6.30 for 7pm start.

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