

## PRESS INFORMATION

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# Sarum College Welcomes New Bishop

Sarum College joins the Salisbury ecclesiastical community in extending a warm welcome to the Revd Nicholas Holtam, vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, who was named Bishop-designate of Salisbury this week.

Upon his installation, Holtam will join the Sarum College Board of Trustees, as the Bishops of Salisbury and of Bath and Wells are Foundation Trustees by virtue of their office.

“We’re delighted that Nick has made a point of recognising the importance of the diocese’s culture of learning and scholarship,” said Canon Keith Lamdin, Sarum College Principal. “His appreciation for ecumenical learning and his teaching experience at Lincoln Theological College will be a valuable asset to Sarum.”

In his Bishop-designate speech, Holtam said, “There is a tradition of learning and scholarship lived out in the present day through Sarum College and STETS (The Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme), in local parish churches and over 200 Church schools across the Diocese, and in strong ecumenical relations both with the local Churches Together and international partnerships with the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Evreux.”

The Bishop-designate will be ordained and consecrated as a bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the summer. This will be followed by an official welcome in Salisbury at a date yet to be published, though it is expected to be at the start of October.

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