

NEWS RELEASE

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Sarum College Pays Tribute to Michael Perham

In a tribute to the former Bishop of Gloucester, Michael Perham, who died on April 17th, Sarum College Principal James Woodward said:

'Bishop Michael was a great friend and encourager of Sarum College and our life of learning. He brought his theological and liturgical wisdom into our teaching and was a regular contributor to our MA work.

I appreciated his guidance during the early part of my time here in 2016 and we were delighted to launch his last book The Way of Christ-Likeness here. We remember the way he reflected on his death and faith with candour and without a sense of drama - his courage and pragmatism were inspiring.

We join our thoughts and prayers with many across the community in thanksgiving for a faithful life well lived and offer our sympathy to Alison and his family.

May he rest in peace.'

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1. The Rt Revd Michael Perham

Michael Perham wrote a number of books on the study and practice of liturgy, most recently The Way of Christ-Likeness. He was Bishop of Gloucester until 2014. He was a member of The Church of England Liturgical Commission, and Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Salisbury, and Visiting Scholar at Sarum College.

2. Sarum College

Founded in 1995, Sarum College is an ecumenical study, conference and research centre situated in historic grade 1-listed buildings in Salisbury's Cathedral Close.

Sarum's educational programmes are organised into seven centres of learning: Centre for Contemporary Spirituality; Centre for Leadership Learning; Centre for Liturgy and Worship; Centre for Theology, Imagination and Culture; Centre for Encountering the Bible, Centre for Human Flourishing; and the Centre for Formation in Ministry.

Guest bedroom and meeting rooms also can be hired by the general public when not in use for courses and college events.

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