

## **James Woodward Appointed Visiting Professor in Theology at the University of Winchester**

Sarum College Principal, The Revd Canon Professor James Woodward has been appointed Visiting Professor in Theology at the University of Winchester, which validates some of the College's postgraduate study and research programmes.

'At Sarum College we continue to be confident about the place of theology in the nurture of wisdom,' Professor Woodward said. 'This appointment is a personal honour as well as an important recognition of the high standards of education at Sarum. I hope and expect our valued connection with the University of Winchester will be strengthened through this new relationship.'

Professor Woodward is an expert in the theology of death, dying and illness, areas of research and teaching within the Sarum Centre for Human Flourishing. He advocates a renewal in the value society places on older people, and the spiritual implications of vulnerability, particularly at the end of life.

The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury, congratulated Professor Woodward on the post and said:

'Salisbury Diocese is fortunate to have in James Woodward a highly respected theologian with an international reputation for excellence in his scholarship and teaching. This appointment is a tribute to James's contributions to the field of theology and affirms the deep commitment to theological learning shared by Sarum College and the University of Winchester.'

Professor Elizabeth Stuart, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Winchester said:

'The University of Winchester is delighted to appoint James Woodward as a Visiting Professor. He is a world-renowned Practical Theologian devoted to changing the world for the better. We know that his appointment will enrich the University. It will also further strengthen our partnership with Sarum College, a partnership which grows ever stronger and which the University treasures.'

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Photo: Professor James Woodward, Principal of Sarum College and newly appointed Visiting Professor in Theology at the University of Winchester. Credit: Lila Photo ([www.lilaphotos.com](http://www.lilaphotos.com))

Editors' notes

## 1. Professor James Woodward

Professor Woodward has been Principal of Sarum College since October 2015 where he also is the Coordinator for the Centre for Human Flourishing. He has written and co-authored several books, most recently *Putting Theology to Work: How to Think and Act Theologically*. He is a regular contributor to the media, including the Credo column for The Times newspaper (example here: <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/sufferers-of-dementia-can-teach-us-so-much-spiritually-x8jcs9ws>) as well as The Tablet and The Church Times. He also writes an occasional blog <https://jameswoodward.info/>

## 2. Sarum College ([www.sarum.ac.uk](http://www.sarum.ac.uk))

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.

Sarum College provides postgraduate study opportunities through the University of Winchester's Theology, Religion and Philosophy programme.

The University and Sarum College also jointly supervise postgraduate research degrees at DTh, MPhil and PhD levels.

## 3. University of Winchester ([www.winchester.ac.uk](http://www.winchester.ac.uk))

The University of Winchester is a leading university for teaching excellence (ranked tenth in England in The Times and The Sunday Times 2016 Good University Guide). Founded in 1840, the University offers undergraduate and postgraduate study on a range of subjects within the arts, humanities, social sciences, business, law, sport, education, and health and social care. The study of theology, religion and philosophy has been at the heart of the University of Winchester since its inception.

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