

NEWS RELEASE

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The Revd Anna Bishop appointed to new Sarum role



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Sarum College has appointed The Revd Anna Bishop as Programme Leader for the Short Courses and Exploring Theology programme.

“Anna is an experienced Methodist minister who is passionate about good theology shaping our view of the world and the place of Christian presence in it,” says The Revd Canon Professor James Woodward, Principal of Sarum College.

“We have been delighted and challenged by her insight, wisdom and reflexivity. It will be good to have an ecumenical dimension to our academic faculty. She brings into our space a particular interest in disability theology.

“We look forward to working with Anna to further develop our Programme of Short Courses and Exploring Theology.”

“I have been immensely privileged to spend the last year working in the Sarum Centre for Formation in Ministry and am delighted to have the opportunity to continue to contribute to the talented team at Sarum College doing so much imaginative and critically engaged work,” says Anna. “I’m looking forward to building on the energetic and creative work done by colleagues to develop the Sarum Short Courses and Exploring Theology Programme to resource Christians to serve the present age.”

Anna will assume the role in January 2025.

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Editors' Notes

1. The Revd Anna Bishop

Anna is a Methodist Minister in the Salisbury Circuit, having held sole responsibility for Salisbury Methodist Church during the pandemic. She has previous experience of urban, suburban and rural ministry following her career in teaching. She is on the Liturgy and Worship Subcommittee of the Methodist Faith and Order Committee, with an interest in liturgy that speaks into social justice.

She is conducting doctoral research in disability theology and has been tutor and lecturer in the Centre for Formation in Ministry, covering for maternity leave since January 2024.

2. Short Course and Exploring Theology programmes

Sarum College's short courses are delivered online and onsite with evening, daytime, weekend and weekday residential formats. [Browse the course calendar](#)

The [Exploring Theology programme](#) is a two-year fully online course which offers intellectually rigorous, interactive, and accessible learning. The 10-week terms typically have between 30-60 participants, with about 15 percent doing essays to further enrich their learning. The course appeals to those who want to strengthen their faith through knowledge and serves for some as a stepping stone to ministry roles.

3. Sarum College

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

Welcoming people of all faiths and none, Sarum's learning programmes cover theology, Christian spirituality, ministry, bible and sacred texts and human flourishing.

Along with a year-round short course programme, the College runs training for ordained and lay ministry validated by Durham University Common Awards and a postgraduate programme in Christian Spirituality with the University of Winchester.

The College also offers B&B, venue hire and catering services to the public via its trading subsidiary, Sarum College Services Ltd.

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