

NEWS RELEASE

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Sarum welcomes The Revd Maggie Metcalfe as Chaplain in the Centre for Formation in Ministry

Sarum College has appointed The Revd Maggie Metcalfe Chaplain in the Centre for Formation in Ministry. Following a career as a midwife and health visitor, Maggie trained at Sarum College and was ordained in 2021 in Salisbury Cathedral.

“The role of Chaplain within in the Centre for Formation in Ministry is vitally important in our care and support of the 73 women and men currently training for ordained and lay ministry with us,” says The Revd Paul Burden, Dean of Ministry. “The Chaplain is present at residential weekends and available at other times for students who want to have a confidential talk about any aspect of their training.

“We are pleased to welcome Maggie as Chaplain from January 2025. She brings much pastoral experience and, having trained for ordination at Sarum, she knows the delights and challenges of being a student first hand.”

“Maggie brings to this work and ministry experience, wisdom and a great deal of grounded common sense. She understands the demands of formation and the realities of parish ministry,” says The Revd Canon Professor James Woodward, Sarum College Principal. “We look forward to working with her in the team.”

“I am delighted to be returning to Sarum College in this different guise, and look forward to contributing to, and being part of, the rich variety of all that the College of Formation and Ministry offers,” she says.

Maggie will be in post on January 2, 2025. She succeeds The Revd Kim Stephens who is retiring at the end of the year.

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Editors' Notes

1. The Revd Maggie Metcalfe

Maggie has been an associate priest with Chalke Valley Churches team since October 2024, following a 3-year curacy in the rural Wylde and Till Valley benefice.

For most of her working life, she was a midwife and latterly a health visitor. She has a passion to see people flourish whatever their calling, and is especially aware of the challenges that occur in times of transition.

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2. Sarum Centre for Formation in Ministry

The Centre for Formation in Ministry at Sarum College usually has around 70 women and men including ordinands (the majority), Reader/LLM candidates, and some independent students.

Training is through a blended learning pattern. This combines online learning and tutoring through zoom, residential weekends at College (plus a Summer School week for ordinands), and ministry in the home context.

The programme is validated by Common Awards, part of Durham University.

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.

In addition to ministry, Sarum's educational programmes cover a range of subjects, including spirituality, bible and sacred texts, human flourishing, and theology, imagination and culture.

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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