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Sarum College  
CATHEDRAL CLOSE, SALISBURY

Education ♦ Hospitality ♦ Personal Development

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In a time when formal religion seems to struggle to connect with people — Sarum, in its message and its methods, offers a special place and a series of imaginative communities for nourishing the souls, and giving confidence for a richer future.

**The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern**

# Welcome to the Sarum College Community

Welcoming ♦ Nourishing ♦ Restoring

We hope that you find this brochure both interesting and informative.

This is an invitation. An invitation to come into Sarum College and experience three things that make our space distinctive.

The first is our location in the corner of Salisbury Cathedral Close, and our long history of spiritual and intellectual endeavour.

The second is our commitment to hospitality. Use our conference and catering facilities for your special life events, work meetings or gatherings.

The third is the work of our education and its rich offer. Take a look at our learning programmes. Come and talk to us about how we might support you. Consider how Sarum might enrich your journey, your living and flourishing.

Don't take my word for it – come and see!

*James Woodward*

Principal of Sarum College

Hospitality

Education

Personal Development





## What we offer

Through excellent teaching and mentoring, unpretentious hospitality, great food, Sarum offers a break from the outside world and space for transformation.

“ Sarum courses make me think and leave me wanting to explore more and to ponder new insights for life and ministry.

“ Lovely staff, comfy rooms and so peaceful - excellent breakfast too!

“ Magical! We are in love with this place.

“ A gift of time, space and healing.

“ This place is full of light. Thank you.



# Hospitality

A warm welcome awaits you at Sarum College, whatever the reason – a rest, tourism, retreat, professional development. Our setting in Salisbury's Cathedral Close offers the best of the modern and the medieval.

## Stay

Sarum College is only a few yards from the magnificent Salisbury Cathedral. Thousands of people stay throughout the year for courses, sabbaticals, retreats, conferences and as a base to visit the area. Forty of the 52 guest bedrooms are ensuite.

Wren bedrooms at the front of the College have uninterrupted views of the Cathedral; several others have lovely views overlooking the rooftops of the Close and spire.

Rooms are single, double and twin; all have tea and coffee-making facilities.

None have televisions but there is free wifi throughout the buildings so you can stream on your own devices. There is a discounted education rate for those on courses, which includes the night before and/or after.

## Meet

Comprehensive facilities for groups large and small, including a Common Room and bar. Attentive hospitality in an atmosphere steeped in theology gives a sense that it is possible to think differently here.

With Grade 1 Listed buildings set in this remarkable 80-acre Cathedral Close, Sarum is a unique and distinguished location for meetings, conferences, events and functions. In addition to the guest bedrooms, there are 10 meeting spaces, the largest of which accommodates up to 90 people. Sarum College has two types of mobile presentation screens.

Both offer multiple HDMI and USB ports to display your content. Used in conjunction with our web-streaming equipment, these displays

can allow any remote participants to view presentations and be seen in the room to help bridge the gap between in-person and remote attendees. We offer laptops and portable digital projectors for guest use, and the Cavell Room is equipped with a built-in projector, as well as a hearing loop system.

## Eat

The unbroken tradition of communal eating at 19 The Close began more than 160 years ago. Now staff and all those who come for courses, conferences, retreats or tourism gather for freshly prepared meals in the dining room.

Sarum's in-house catering team cook fresh breakfasts and lunches daily, as well as for dinners, conferences, events and celebrations. Contact [kitchen@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:kitchen@sarum.ac.uk) to make a catering enquiry.



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*From the gracious reception we received when we first arrived and throughout our stay, we found the staff welcoming and helpful.*

*The location is unsurpassed for anyone visiting the cathedral. The meals were excellent and the rooms were clean and quiet.*



# Education

## Your learning journey starts here...

Sarum College is a learning community open to all, offers diverse courses, consultancy, conferences and research opportunities to suit different styles of living and learning.

### Validated by

MA Programmes validated by the University of Winchester.



Ministry Programmes validated by the University of Durham.



### Theology, Imagination & Culture

Pursue theological enquiry and its relationship to culture and creativity. Wide range of courses to support a thoughtful engagement with society, the arts, mission, and contemporary challenges.



### Christian Spirituality

Explore society's search for spirituality and its role in church life and public values. This programme offers a wide range of interdisciplinary programmes to study for interest and vocational development.



### Spiritual Direction

The two-year Sarum Course in Spiritual Direction prepares those called to this ministry to competently and confidently accompany others. Blends personal and spiritual formation with skill development.



### Exploring Theology

This two-year course is designed to allow students to join at any time. Year A focuses on the Bible with sessions on the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. Year B focuses on Christian belief, past and present.



### Short Courses

Course and programme formats vary widely, from evening lectures to day, residential and weekend courses, and range from academic to experiential, intensive to leisurely. Discounts available for current students.



### Ministry

Ministry courses are a mix of Saturday teaching days and guided online learning. Students not training for ministry may study for personal development alongside ordained and licensed lay ministry candidates.



Scan the QR code to explore each learning stream and much more at [www.sarum.ac.uk/learning/](http://www.sarum.ac.uk/learning/)





## Personal Development

Opportunities for those who exercise leadership in the public, private or voluntary sector, including churches and schools, to explore the meaning and practice of leadership.

### Mentoring

Mentoring is available to support you during times of challenge in your ministry and/or discernment for work role changes to help you reflect about your ministry and vocation.

### Pastoral supervision

Pastoral supervision for ordained and lay ministers. Also individual or group supervision for those engaged in spiritual direction, accompaniment or care.

### Guided study leave

We will help you develop a focused area of study including tutorials with one of our academic staff who will guide your study and reading.

### Retreat

We will help you arrange a personal retreat to suit your needs. Also spiritual direction or accompaniment can be arranged during your stay.

I loved spending nearly three weeks of my ministry sabbatical at Sarum College earlier this year.

Not only did I rest, and rest well in the comfortable care of the Sarum College staff, I experienced very significant renewal and fresh insights.

### The Team

We are a diverse community and those able to offer accompaniment include James Woodward, Julia Maurant, Jayme Reaves and Keith Elford.

We are also able to draw on the skills and experience of our wider network of visiting scholars and associate tutors. We will connect you with the most appropriate person so that you can discuss your aspirations directly.

### Pricing

To keep the options as flexible as possible, costs are variable and adjusted to meet your needs. We can help you apply for financial support.

### Stay

There is a discounted education rate for those on courses or using educational services.

### Library

Residential scholars may wish to use the library for an extended period. Residential and day visitors may book meals and are welcome to use the Common Room.

### Meals

Meals may be booked around course dates or altogether separate. Lunches may be booked until 10am on the day. Suppers are sometimes available as well. Please enquire at reception. Staff are experienced in catering for special dietary requirements.

### Contact details

[courses@sarum.ac.uk](mailto:courses@sarum.ac.uk)



Explore our 'Learning'  
[sarum.ac.uk/learning/](https://sarum.ac.uk/learning/)







# Our Heritage

When work started on the new cathedral in 1220, several colleges were established as well as a medieval school of theology on the site of 19 The Close.

## Location

People speak of an immediate sense of change as they come through the High Street gate, from the bustling medieval shopping centre to an altogether different kind of space. For 800 years, day after day, bread is broken, psalms are sung, prayers are said, and just possibly tourists become pilgrims.

In the North East corner of The Close stands a cluster of buildings now known as Sarum College. The original 17th century elegant house, inspired by Christopher Wren, was later extended and adapted to accommodate theological students.

What does it mean that people from all walks of life have prayed morning and evening in the small upstairs chapel? What might the effect be that students have sat in the library and still do and grapple with ideas beyond their understanding and have fallen asleep on books late at night?

Can the walls absorb something of the loss of belief and recovery of faith and the endless sense of sacrifice and calling?

## Did you know...

In 1995 Sarum College was reborn as an inclusive ecumenical centre for theological study. More than 25 years on, we describe our vision as learning to nourish the human spirit. This vision thrives on energy from all those who gather here for so many different reasons: to take a break from ministry to read and pray, and think; to engage in serious postgraduate study; to attend day programmes; to retreat or learn about spiritual direction; to attend conferences or to see the art on display. People from all over the world with diverse experiences meet one another at breakfast, find themselves in conversation over lunch, and those who return again and again speak of 'coming home'.

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What is the place of risk in the life of faith? Sarum is steeped in tradition, yet sets out to break moulds and innovate – to be a laboratory of theological education and ecumenism.

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# Next steps

## Get Involved

Sarum's vision of openness, learning and hospitality thrives on the varied contributions of our community. Share the passion for learning to nourish the spirit by enrolling on a course, becoming a volunteer or joining the Friends of Sarum College.

## Find Us

Sarum College is set within Salisbury Cathedral Close in the city centre. Public transport links to Salisbury are excellent with frequent rail services to London and regional cities. The station is less than a mile away from College.

Travel by car: The High Street entrance is the only way to drive into The Close. If you use a satnav, please enter SP1 2PF to avoid being directed to the pedestrian entrance. Onsite car parking is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternatively there are car parks just minutes away.



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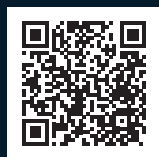
*Sarum's setting in Salisbury Cathedral Close and in historic Grade 1 listed buildings is ideal for reflection and study.*

*The College is minutes away from the High Street and rail station, so it's also very handy for cultural, social and retail distractions!*

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