

Sarum College
CATHEDRAL CLOSE, SALISBURY

Learning to Nourish the Human Spirit

Course & Events Programme ✦ Winter 2024

Welcome to the Sarum College Community

Sarum College is a centre for study and research where our passion is learning that nourishes the human spirit.

The College is an inclusive, welcoming space for reflection and personal development.

Through excellent teaching, unpretentious hospitality, great food, and a break from the outside world, the College offers a safe haven for challenging exploration and conversation where everyone is valued and heard.

For us, the questions are as important as are answers.

Affordable Learning

The course programme includes both online and onsite courses, as noted. Most day courses (normally 10am to 4pm) are £60 for the standard rate.

A 20% discount on course fees is available to those who:

- are studying or have studied on one of Sarum College's postgraduate courses validated by the University of Winchester;
- are training or have trained for ministry at Sarum College or previous organisations at 19 The Close, Salisbury;
- are aged 25 or under, are on low incomes or receive government benefits.

A day course with B&B at the educational rate is £115.

If you are eligible for a discount, please contact courses@sarum.ac.uk for the code to use when making your booking online.

It pays to book early!

Early bird discount tickets (£55 for day courses or £30 for half-day online courses) are available until 60 days prior to the course.

Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount.

"Fabulous location within The Close. Friendly and helpful people. Accommodation is basic but clean and provided all we needed, comfortable bed, ensuite, tea and coffee facilities and wifi. Great breakfast. Great value.


Entrance

Final Courses of 2023



Encountering Islam Through Rabi'a of Basra

29 November
10am to 4pm
£60 onsite

Read and enjoy some of the best-loved poetry attributed to Rabi'a and delve into some of the miracle stories associated with her life.

With Shanon Shah, director of Faith for the Climate.



Humility: The Secret History of a Lost Virtue

4 December
7pm to 9pm
£15 online

Humility from classic Hebrew and Greco-Roman ideas through medieval notions to today.

With Christopher Bellitto, specialist in the history of Christianity.



Just Pay Attention: The Poetry of Mary Oliver

12 December
10am to 4pm
£60 onsite

Explore the lucid and uncomplicated poetry of Mary Oliver, one of the most cherished contemporary American poets.

With Mark Pryce and Ruth Shelton. Both are poets and theologians.

Taster Session on Postgraduate Study

Christian Spirituality ✦
Theology, Imagination & Culture

13th November ✦ 7pm to 8pm ✦ Online via Zoom

Scan here to book your free place

For further taster sessions see page 12.



Short Courses 2024



Gentle Pilates

10, 17, 24 ,31 January
& 7, 14 February
6pm to 7pm
£50 for six sessions onsite

Start the new year with a gentle introduction to Pilates. Six weekly sessions using the mind-body connection to develop postural awareness, mobility, and strength.

With Christine Nielsen-Craig, qualified Pilates Instructor.



The Poems and Faith of John Donne

16 January
10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

We will explore Donne's poetry that reveals his excitement in naked bodies as well as his fear of his naked soul. What did John Donne believed about God and himself?

With Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark Cathedral.



Rule of Life Lunch

17, 24 January, 20 March
& 17 April
12pm to 1pm
£35 for four sessions online

Everyone can benefit from a well-balanced rhythm of prayer, study, work and rest. How might we draw from ancient wisdom a contemporary Rule of Life for ourselves?

With Tom Clammer OC Novice brother of the Anglican Order of Cistercians.

"The deep spiritual understanding and compassion that was interlaced with the presentation of scientific facts was really helpful.

B&B discount

There is a special rate for B&B before and after a course, so why not take the opportunity to extend your stay?



Traditions of Christian Spirituality

22 January, 19 February, 18 March, 15 April & 20 May
7.30pm to 9pm ⌖ £15 for one session; £65 for all five ⌖ Online

This five-part series will consider five major strands of the Christian spiritual tradition. Each is led by an expert who will introduce the tradition and its contribution to spirituality today.

Desert Spirituality

22 January

With Laura Swan OSB, author of The Forgotten Desert Mother: Lives, Sayings, and Stories of Early Christian Women.

Benedictine Spirituality

19 February

With Rowan Williams, author of The Way of St Benedict, former Archbishop of Canterbury.

Franciscan Spirituality

18 March

With Michael Hahn, author of forthcoming Bonaventure, Angela of Foligno and Early Mystical Theologies.

Ignatian Spirituality

15 April

With Gillian Ahlgren, specialist in Christian mystical tradition.

Quaker Spirituality

20 May

With Madeleine Pennington, author of Quakers, Christ and Enlightenment.



Fruitful Collaborative Ministry and Mission

23 January
10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

A practical day to explore different models and perspectives on leadership, concluding with a clear action plan for each participant.

With Katy Lyne a Chartered Occupational and Coaching Psychologist and Nick Shepherd, FRSA, a Senior Vision and Strategy Consultant.



Revisiting Lent and Eastertide

31 January
9.30am to 12.30pm
£30/£35 online

Liturgical, theological and pastoral opportunities of the season.

With Tom Clammer, author of Crowning the Year.



Burn Like Stars: Keeping on in a Stressful World

5 February
10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

Explore how we can remain energised to burn on in a society when so many are burning out.

With Gillian Straine and Wendy Lloyd. Both are part of GoHealth.

Sarum Study Days

30 January, 24 June & 13 November
10am - 4pm
£30 for one session/
£65 for all three onsite

A self-directed day with support from Sarum College faculty. Includes access to the library, lunch and refreshments.





Yoga and Christian Practice Retreat

16 February (6pm) to
18 February (2pm)
£190/£300 onsite

Weekend retreat to discover how the ancient wisdom and practice of Yoga can deepen Christian faith.

With Ian Spencer, an Anglican priest, authorised yoga teaching and practitioner of Zen.



Slavery, Reparations and Theology

29 February
1pm to 4pm
£30/£35 online

Explore the connections between slavery and the church in the post-British Imperial context. What are the theological implications for reparations and the legacy of slavery?

With Carlton Turner, Tutor at the Queen's Foundation.



Lay and Ordained Rural Leaders Retreat

5 March (10am)
to 6 March (4pm)
£125 /£195 onsite

Reflect and share experiences in rural ministry with a mix of silence, prayer, worship, learning and discussion sessions.

With Jo Neary, Tutor in Ministry and Mission at Sarum College and Alison Webster, a Mission theologian at Citizens UK.

Creation and Creativity

3 February, 23 March, 20 July ✦ 10am to 4pm
£95 one day; £275 series of three onsite

Three day courses to explore different aspects of creativity, taking Creation as the overarching theme and finding ways of making simple artworks expressing its beauty and peace.

With Sophie Hacker, glass, sculpture and painting artist.



Day 1: Clayful Creations

3 February

Day 2: Nature Up Close Drawing

23 March

Day 3: Cyanotypes - Painting With Sunlight

20 July



Introduction to Trauma Theology

6 March
10am to 1pm
£30/£35 online

Explore the impact the experience of trauma has on how we do theology and read the Bible.

With Karen O'Donnell, co-editor of Bearing Witness: Intersectional Perspectives on Trauma Theology.



Bach's St John Passion: An Exploration for the 300th Anniversary

12 March
£55/£60 onsite

Deepen your understanding of the genesis of Bach's St John Passion and its drama.

With Charles Stewart, vicar and former professional musician.



Faith in a Time of Dementia - The Other Side of Nothingness

13 March
10 to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

This workshop explores the Christian faith in the light of our experience of people living with dementia.

With Peter Kevern, a professor at Staffordshire University, currently working on a eucharistic theology of dementia.

"This course is challenging me to rethink some of the views that I had about God and the Christian faith in a good way. It's helping to deepen my faith at a significant time in my life.

Add an overnight stay

There is a discounted education rate for those on courses or using educational services. The rates apply to B&B the day before a course and the day it finishes.

Reading Scripture Together



Sacrifice and Atonement

4 March ✦ 10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

Lent, Easter, and Passover commemorate an ancient sacrifice but what are Christian & Jewish understandings of sacrifice, blood & sin?



Women at the Wells

18 April ✦ 10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

Explore biblical texts on the motif of women and water from both Jewish and Christian perspectives?

With Shoshana Boyd-Gelfand a rabbi who lectures on faith, identity and leadership and Jayme Reaves, a public theologian and Sarum's Director of Academic Development.

Community Organising Breakfast Series

7 February, 20 May & 8 October ✦ 8.30am to 11am
£25 for one breakfast; £60 for all three online

How can embracing Community Organising as a spiritual practice enhance and reshape holistic mission, whatever our context? Organised in partnership with Citizens UK.

With Alison Webster, Mission Theologian in Residence at Citizens UK and Keith Hebden, a Community Organiser with Thames Valley Citizens.



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Holistic Mission Strategies

7 February

Church Growth

20 May

Justice, Not Just Charity

8 October



Slow Mission: Reflections on the God Who Walks Slowly

16 April
10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

Reflect theologically and personally on mission and ministry drawing on the work of Japanese ecumenical theologian Kosuke Koyama.

With Ben Aldous, the principal officer for mission and evangelism at Churches Together England.



Exploring Rituals in a Time of Ecological Crisis

24 April
2pm to 5pm
£30/£35 online

How can rituals enacting mourning, resistance and liberation help Christians respond to this overwhelming time?

With Cláudio Carvalhaes Union Theological Seminary, USA.

This course has helped me see the Bible in a new way, and given it more significance for my own journey of faith. I had become very frustrated by literal reading of the Bible, and it being used to trade blows or for point scoring, which so often didn't, in my view, follow the most important command to love.

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Early bird discount tickets (£55 for day courses or £30 for half-day online courses) are available until 60 days prior to the course.

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Thinking about taking your study further?

Consider a flexible postgraduate programme blending onsite and online learning to help you fit the course alongside other responsibilities.

Award options:

- Postgraduate certificate (1 year)
- Postgraduate diploma (2 years)
- Master's degree (3 years)

Alternatively, you can audit a module, which means that you attend the course for interest only.

2024 Taster Session Dates

4 March (online)

18 May (onsite)

Or, contact us to schedule a personal appointment: maadministrator@sarum.ac.uk

For PhD enquiries, there is an Open Event on 15 January or contact Sarum's Director of Research Susie Snyder, ssnyder@sarum.ac.uk

Degrees are validated by the University of Winchester

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To enquire about a degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission validated by the University of Durham Common Awards please contact Beth Dodd bdodd@sarum.ac.uk

Durham University

Courses are led by:

Beth Dodd
Programme Leader for Postgraduate Programmes in Theology, Ministry and Mission

Michael Hahn
Programme Leader for Postgraduate Programmes in Christian Spirituality

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Programme Leader for Theology, Imagination and Culture Postgraduate Programmes

Susie Snyder
Programme Leader for Short Courses, Director of Research, and Lecturer in Theology and Ethics

Postgraduate Courses Early 2024



Modern & Post-Modern Perspectives on Christian Spirituality

12 February (2pm) to 15 February (2.30pm)
£420/£620 onsite

Introduction to the forms and types of spirituality in the Christian tradition from the Reformations to the present day.

With Michael Hahn and guest contributors.



Text, Interpretation and Imagination

19 February (2pm) to 22 February (2.30pm)
£420/£620 onsite

Delve into biblical text and narrative from creative and critical perspectives.

With Graeme Smith and guest contributors.



Theology and Film

22 April (2pm) to 25 April (4pm)
£420/£620 onsite

Explore how theological themes have been addressed in films, key ideas and methods in film criticism and interpretation.

With Graeme Smith and guest contributors.



Monasticism, Mysticism and Metaphysics

22 April (2pm) to 25 April (4pm)
£420/£620 onsite

Explore the roots and types of spirituality in the Christian tradition up to the late Medieval period.

With Michael Hahn and guest contributors.

Other Study Pathways



Exploring Theology

Three terms of ten weekly Tuesday evening sessions, online 7 to 9pm. The course offers intellectually rigorous, interactive, and accessible learning. There is an option to write essays. Year A on Exploring the Bible offers knowledge and tools to read and encounter the Scriptures faithfully and fruitfully. Year B on Exploring Christian Belief opens up the bigger picture of developments and themes within the Christian tradition. This two-year course is designed so that you can join at any time.

Programme Leader - Alison Webster is a practical and mission theologian who offers spiritual accompaniment. She is also Mission Theologian in residence at Citizens UK.



Spiritual Direction

The Sarum Course in Spiritual Direction aims to equip those who are called to this ministry to confidently and competently accompany others.

Choose from three formats:

- Online with an optional three-day retreat at Sarum (March start)
- Onsite with online support (September start)
- Mixed mode version with two onsite sessions (October start).

Programme Leader - Julia Mourant, who specialises in spiritual direction training and supervision, pastoral supervision and vocational and life coaching.

Julia is the author of Listening to Your Soul and Listening To Your Life: Creatively Discerning Your Calling.

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BIG thanks. Any course you go on that immediately changes your perspective and practice has got to be a good one!

Library access

The Sarum College Library has more than 50,000 books on theology, Bible studies, mission, church history and more, as well as study, writing and research space. There is free high-speed wifi throughout the buildings. Some courses include library membership.

Looking Ahead

Vincent Van Gogh: A Stranger on this Earth

7 May (4pm) to 9 May (2pm)
£190/£300 onsite

Explore the life of Vincent Van Gogh: missionary, teacher, lover, painter, brother, son and world-famous failure. Where does family damage end and his beauty begin?

With Simon Parke, a therapist, author and retreat leader.

The Practice of Spiritual Care

13 May
10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

A resource day to explore how to nurture a culture of spiritual care to enable spiritual flourishing for anyone, irrespective of faith.

With Julia Burton-Jones, a training and development lead for Anna Chaplaincy at BRF and James Woodward, Principal of Sarum College.

Hoping to Turn Again: T.S. Eliot's Middle Years

16 May
10am to 4pm
£55/£60 onsite

Explore the emotional and spiritual charge of the poems of Eliot's middle period from The Hollow Men to Burnt Norton as they relate to new insights into the poet's life.

With Christopher Southgate, the author of a verse biography of T.S. Eliot.

Sarum Spiritual Directors Conference 2024

21 May (12pm)
to 23 May (2pm)
From £100/£320

An opportunity for spiritual directors to network, learn, and share good practice.

With Alison Webster, Ian Adams, Stefan Smart, Julia Mourant and more.

God is Not a White Man

26 June
10am to 1pm
£30/£35 online

What does it mean when God is presented as male? What does it mean when – from our internal assumptions to our shared cultural imaginings – God is presented as white?

With Chine McDonald, Director of Theos.

I was really impressed with how friendly everyone seemed- there was a very welcoming atmosphere among staff at Sarum. Thank you!

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