



Sarum College
CATHEDRAL CLOSE, SALISBURY

Learning to Nourish the Human Spirit

Course & Events Programme ♦ Winter/Spring 2023

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 Sarum community offers inclusive, welcoming space and time for all those who aspire to grow in wisdom and courage.

Through excellent teaching, unpretentious hospitality, great food, and a break from the outside world, the College is 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 opportunities

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 concession price of £50 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.



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The balance between teaching and discussion was exactly right. It all felt very comfortable to be able to speak and voice an opinion or question, and listen to some brilliant insights. The style of teaching was remarkably engaging and inclusive, and I felt no fear at entering into the conversations or break-out rooms. It was expertly delivered, most notable too for the atmosphere of listening and kindness. Thank you.

Science and Faith Series

Free online sessions offered as part of the Science for Seminaries programme to enhance teaching on ethics by exploring the interface of science and theology.



Science and the Theology of Evolution

20 February
7pm to 8:30pm
Free online

This session explores the major difficulties that evolution raises for theological interpretations of creation: design's seeming absence and the abundance of animals suffering and death before the Fall.

Bethany Sollereder is a lecturer in Science and Religion at the University of Edinburgh. Her latest book is *Why Is There Suffering? Pick Your Own Theological Expedition*.



Science and the Theology of Dementia

27 February
7pm to 8:30pm
Free online

Dementia raises deep questions about what it means to be human, the basis of personal identity, and the nature of spirituality. This session will explore some theological responses to the challenge the disease poses.

Joanna Collicutt is Supernumerary Fellow in Psychology of Religion at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and associate priest in an Oxfordshire parish.



Science and the Theology of Wonder, Wisdom and Worship

6 March
7pm to 8:30pm
Free online

How can the science and Christian theology move beyond the western cultural model of conflict without engaging in conflict itself? This session explores modes of conversation which enrich both science and theology.

David Wilkinson is Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion and Principal of St John's College, Durham University. He holds doctorates in theoretical astrophysics and systematic theology.

Spring 2023 Short Courses



Journey of Christian Meditation

3 March
10am to 4pm
£60 onsite

Explore the nature of mysticism, the personal experience and practice of meditation as well as comparisons with secular mindfulness and meditation.

Roz Stockley has been a meditator for many years and is a member of The World Community for Christian Meditation (wccm.org). She is Chair of the WCCM in the UK Trustee Board.

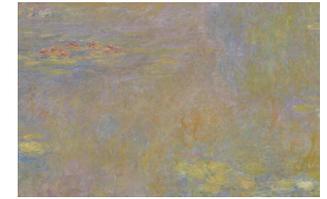


The Wondrous Story

13 March
10am to 4pm
£60 onsite

Palm Sunday to Easter is at the heart of our gospel, but how do we preach it in a fresh and engaging way? We will think together on how we can tell the wondrous story today.

Paul Burden is Dean of Ministry at Sarum College, with 22 years of experience in parish ministry.



Fruits of the Spirit

15 March
7pm to 9pm
Free online

An exploration of an exhibition inspired by St Paul's list of the Fruit of the Spirit, including love, joy, peace, and generosity, in Galatians 5.22. The discussion centres on wellbeing and communal flourishing themes in the collection of 18 paintings.

Ayla Lepine is the Associate Rector at St James's Piccadilly in London and a trustee of Art and Christianity.



Some sessions have been recorded and will become available to view on our website. Contact us on courses@sarum.ac.uk
To book visit www.sarum.ac.uk/short-courses



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?



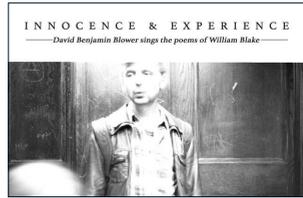


William Blake and the Renewal of the World

24 March ♦ 10am to 4pm ♦ £60 onsite

William Blake realised that a Christianity reduced to a moral creed will not bring change, which actually requires an awakening. Might this much-loved but often misunderstood poet save us?

Mark Vernon is a psychotherapist and writer. His latest book is *Spiritual Intelligence In Seven Steps* (2022).



Innocence and Experience

24 March
7pm to 8:30pm
Free onsite

An informal evening of Blake's poems in song with an open invitation to the audience to share their own favourites.

David Benjamin Blower is a musician, poet and theologian. He's a regular contributor to Nomad podcast, the author of several books and a prolific recording artist.



So Longeth My Soul

28 March
10am to 4pm
£60 onsite

Christian Spirituality Through the Lens of Bereavement.

Explore the deep connection between the longing for God which dominates the texts and practices of the great Christian spiritual writers and the yearning we experience as part of human loss.

Joanna Collicutt is Supernumerary Fellow in Psychology of Religion at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and associate priest in an Oxfordshire parish.



Listening to Richard Rohr

31 March to 2 April
£190 non-residential

A weekend retreat to explore the writing of Franciscan Richard Rohr with time to refresh and reflect about our lives and our wellbeing.

James Woodward is Principal of Sarum College and a practical theologian who specialises in health and healing, old age, theological reflection and end of life care.



What is Successful Ageing?

21 April
10am to 4pm
£60 onsite

Explore the nature of ageing in a participatory day with resources for further reading and reflection for church and community settings.

James Woodward
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In general, it's just liberating to be presented with lots of different perspectives and the contexts they came from. Letting things be complicated and unresolved.



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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)

Degrees are validated by the University of Winchester



Alternatively, you can audit a module, which means that you attend the course for interest rather than academic credit so there are no written assignments or seminar presentations required. Join a taster session or a taster day to find out more.

Taster Session Taster Day

20 March
7-8pm
Free online

13 May
10am to 2pm
Onsite, including lunch and refreshments.



Western Christian Mysticism

24 to 27 April
From £410 onsite

A deep-dive into some of the key movements and writers in the Western Christian Mystical traditions and the development of mysticism in the history of Christianity.

Course leader
Michael Hahn



Church, Culture and Society

31 March to 2 April
£300 onsite

An in-depth look at life and work of the church in today's culture including climate change, race, gender, and the legacy of colonialism.

Course leader
Eleanor McLaughlin



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, either in Salisbury or Inverness (October start)

Whichever way you choose to study, the course offers a balanced learning environment, blending personal and spiritual formation with skills development.

This year's course begins 3 March.



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 to take your learning experience further.

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.

The next term, Living with the Bible and Belief, begins on 25 April.

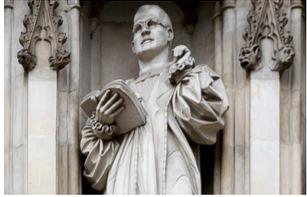
This two-year course is designed so that you can join at any time.

Give a Module a Go

All postgraduate modules validated by the University of Winchester are open to anyone who wishes to study without seeking an academic award. Scan for full details about auditing courses at Sarum.



Looking ahead



Bonhoeffer's Prison Poetry

2 May
10am to 4pm
£60, hybrid
(choose online or onsite)

A study day to consider poems the anti-Nazi dissident and Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in prison during WWII. Following a brief introduction to his life and thought, we will explore his poetry from theological and spiritual perspectives.

Eleanor McLaughlin is programme leader for the Theology, Imagination and Culture Programme and research associate at the Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture. Her research interests include Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theology, theological anthropology, and disability theology.



Embodied Encounters with the Divine

5 to 9 June
7pm to 8pm
Onsite from £410
Residential booking includes full board.

An introduction to perspectives on Christian Spirituality that resist Neo-Platonic dualities.

Explore the nature of embodied experience in the Christian spiritual tradition, Christian Materialism and sacramental and ecological perspectives on the spiritual body.

Taught by Michael Hahn and a team of experts.

Michael Hahn is Christian Spirituality Programme Leader. He specialises in medieval spirituality, the Franciscans, and the development of mystical theology.



Sarum Summer School: Bonaventure's, The Life of St Francis

10 to 13 July
7pm to 8pm
Onsite from £410
Residential booking includes full board.

A deep examination of events and theologies in Bonaventure's text to consider how its themes can inform current theological conversations.

Among the topics to be covered are:

- The lives of Francis of Assisi and Bonaventure;
- How to work with medieval hagiographies;
- Ways in which Francis's life was later taken up as a path or journey to and into God.

Michael Hahn and a team of experts in the field.



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.

Check availability



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.

For more information



Meals

Meals may be booked around course dates or altogether separate. Evening meals are sometimes available as well. Please enquire with a member of the hospitality team. Staff are experienced in catering for special dietary requirements.



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.

Scan for travel directions



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The content has opened up a whole new way of looking at things and given me a new interest to build upon the basic knowledge that I have.

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