

## PRESS INFORMATION

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# Past and present meet at Sarum College's Anniversary Conference

Former academics, staff and associates of the various ministerial training colleges based in what is now Sarum College, 19 The Close, gathered for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference 25-27 June.

Among the guests were four past principals and their wives: Canon Reginald Askew, Principal, Salisbury & Wells Theological College 1973 -1987; Canon Philip Crowe, Principal and Tutor Salisbury & Wells Theological College 1988-1995; The Revd Canon Bruce Duncan, Principal Sarum College 1995-2003; and The Revd Dr Tim Macquiban, Principal of Sarum College, 2003-2008.

"This conference was a celebration of theological learning that gave the opportunity for all those who taught and worked at 19 The Close to gather and reminisce about the past, and also to hear about the exciting future of Sarum College in partnership with the Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme (STETS)," said The Revd Canon Keith Lamdin, Principal of Sarum College.

The anniversary conference included lectures, a Eucharist in Salisbury Cathedral and an exhibition of archive photographs and documents dating back to 1860, when Salisbury Theological College was established by Walter Kerr Hamilton, Bishop of Salisbury from 1854 to 1869. This marked the start of 150 years of unbroken theological training on the site of what is now Sarum College, where this training is now undertaken by STETS. The national administrative office of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) is also based at Sarum College.

The number of guests rose to more than 100 when former students joined the conference on Sunday to attend the Eucharist and a celebratory lunch.

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### **Photos:**

- 1) Image of a photograph taken in 1879 of Salisbury Theological students and staff. The photograph, along with other historical memorabilia, is on display at Sarum College until 4 July.
- 2) Past and present academic staff and associates with their guests gather after attending Evensong as part of Sarum College's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, sponsored by the Tindall Trust.
- 3) After Evensong, The Rt Revd Dr David Stancliffe chatted with guests at Sarum College's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, sponsored by The Tindall Trust. Bishop David, Foundation Governor of Sarum College, is speaking with The Revd Canon Dr Anne Dawtry, a former tutor from the Southern Theological Training and Education Scheme (STETS) which is based at Sarum College.

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