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'Rev' team visits Westcott



Actor Tom Hollander and 'Rev' writer and researcher James Wood visited Westcott in September to meet with the Principal Martin Seeley. During their visit they took the opportunity to learn about clergy training in the Church of England and to speak to Martin about his experiences as Vicar of the Isle of Dogs as part of their background research for the next series of 'Rev'.

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Westcott says farewell



Friday 11 June marked both the Feast of St Barnabas the Apostle and the service in Chapel for those ordinands leaving Westcott at the end of a busy and successful year. A eucharist was held in Chapel at 5pm, at which the Principal, the Rev'd Canon Martin Seeley, preached on the parallels between the life of St Barnabas and a Westcott House ordinand! The ordinands' stoles were blessed, and presented to them by their tutors. This year saw 30 ordinands move on, all of whom will be deaconed over the summer to serve in their respective title posts across England.

Following the service there were drinks in the garden and buffet supper, and farewells were also said to Margaret Winterbourne who is retiring after 17 years of service in the House office, Margie Tolstoy who has served as Tutor in Ethics since 1996, and Michael Beasley and his wife Lizzie. Michael came as Chaplain in 2003, and was subsequently appointed as Tutor and then Vice-Principal. He leaves to take up the post of Director of Mission for the Diocese of Oxford.



[Further information about ordination pathways at Westcott.](#)

For prospective students, open days will be taking place on 6 November 2010 and 12 February 2011. For more information please contact the

[Admissions Officer.](#)

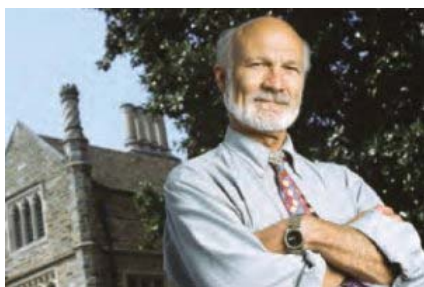
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Staff Appointments

The next Vice-Principal of Westcott House is to be The Revd Canon Dr William Lamb. Dr Lamb is currently chaplain of Sheffield University, and residentiary canon of Sheffield Cathedral. He teaches New Testament in the Department of Biblical Studies of Sheffield University. Dr Lamb read theology at Oxford and then trained at Westcott House. He served his title in Halifax Parish Church in Wakefield Diocese and then became Team Vicar of Penistone and Thurlstone in the same diocese. He became chaplain of the University of Sheffield in 2001 and undertook doctoral studies in the University, being awarded a PhD on the interpretation of Mark's Gospel. He will start at Westcott House this summer.



The Revd Dr Andrew Davison is to be the next Doctrine Tutor and will start at Westcott House in September. He read chemistry and biochemistry at Oxford and theology at Corpus Christ College, Cambridge. Andrew, who trained at Westcott, is currently tutor in doctrine at St Stephen's House, Oxford, and junior chaplain at Merton College. [posted March 2010]

July 2009**An Evening with Stanley Hauerwas, 16 September**

As part of our forthcoming conference, 'A Particular Place: Theology for the Future of Parish Ministry', keynote speaker Stanley Hauerwas will hold an evening open to the public in which he will introduce his forthcoming memoirs, *Hannah's Child*, and take questions about his work. This open evening is on 16 September at 8pm, Wesley Methodist Church, Cambridge (CB1 1LG, at the corner of Christ's Pieces and Short Street).

The conference is a three-day event, 16-19 September. It is open to clergy and lay leaders, and there are places remaining. For more information on the conference, please [click here](#).

May 2009**May Sunshine**

'Canon Law for the newly ordained' with the Revd Will Adam (far right), Leavers' 'life and Service' class, enjoying the May sunshine.



Climbing frame

The Children and Families' Rep, Adrian Cooke erects a new climbing frame for ordinands' children in New Court, Westcott House (below, the finished work).



April 2009



Exchange Programme

In a prestigious Exchange Programme funded by the Foreign Office and supported by Lambeth Palace Sonia Lotfi and Fatma Mohammad (centre) students at the al-Azhar University visited Westcott House for three weeks and Bonnie Evans-Hills (front far left) a student from Westcott went to al-Azhar.

The life of Westcott was deeply enriched by their visit and students at Westcott were able to enhance their study of other faiths. Sonia and Fatma took part in a wide range of lectures and seminars, as well as visiting Lambeth Palace and meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury and visiting the St. Philip's multi-faith centre in Leicester.



(Above) Fatma, Sonia and Bonnie visiting the St. Philip's Centre in Leicester with Bishop Tim Stevens (centre) and Revd Andrew Wingate Director of the Centre, far left.



(Above) Bonnie and Sonia meeting David Miliband MP at the al-Azhar Centre in Cairo.



Bonnie with the Ethiopian community at the Anglican Cathedral in Cairo.