

# Link

jubilee alumni magazine

Celebrating  
**50**  
YEARS  
of education and innovation



# Memories and unions through the years



Angel Mudure, 2011: "What I cherish most is making friends from all over the world"



Geoff Haworth (third right), 1979. Former PGCE student, now our Director of Student Support and Guidance.



Jean Bentley, 1972: "I remember looking out of my room window at the Chapel spire with the Cathedral behind and never tiring of the view."



2004: 27 cramped hours in a coach and food poisoning bonded CCCU students and two other universities on a skiing trip.



Summer Ball 2011



Summer Ball 2009



David Carr met Elizabeth in 1999 when she called IT Support to replace her keyboard - the rest is history! Pictured on their wedding day in 2005.



1989: EFL students perform with their lecturer, Philippa Ferst, now retired.



Kalash (Jenny Thakor) and Matthew Brayshaw met at Christ Church in 1986 and married in 1993.



Chris Hurden and Sophie Oakland met at Christ Church in 2004 and married in Bearsted in 2006.



Neil Marsden and Zoe Clayton met at Christ Church and married in Norwich Cathedral in 2005.

# Welcome to this special Jubilee edition of the Link

Welcome to this special commemorative edition of the Link to celebrate our Golden Jubilee.

From our origins 50 years ago, with just 70 trainee teachers, the University has changed dramatically. Now with 20,000 students and a live network of 45,000 alumni across the world, we are a strong, vibrant community, which is making a global impact on lives.

As our alumni, you are very important to us and our history. We would like you to join us in celebrating 50 years of Canterbury Christ Church at a special Alumni Celebration Day on Saturday 19 May, our largest reunion to date. You can read more about this on page 12. There are many other special events planned, which are detailed on page 13.

We are taking a trip down memory lane in this magazine, with personal as well as University reminisces and photographs.

I hope you enjoy the trip.



**Professor Robin Baker CMG**  
Vice-Chancellor



# Christ Church through the decades

## 1960s...

### 1962

Christ Church College opened its doors as the first teacher training college built by the Church of England in the 20th Century. Initial classes were held in the Priory, former private home of the Bishop of Dover, with nine teachers and 70 students. The first Principal was the Reverend Dr Frederic Mason.

### 1963

Phase one of North Holmes Road site, where the Canterbury Campus is based, was completed in October. It was constructed at a cost of £600,000 on land once used as orchards and domestic buildings of St Augustine's Abbey, the home of English Christianity and the original burial place for the Anglo-Saxon kings of Kent. This is now an important World Heritage Site.

### 1964

Dr Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, formally opened Christ Church College. The original site had capacity for 450 students all training to be teachers. Playing fields at Stodmarsh Road, a mile from the campus, were also acquired in this year, although the pavilion wasn't completed until 1966.

### 1965

The Queen and Prince Philip attended a concert at the College and were given a tour of the Campus on 15 April, Maundy Thursday.

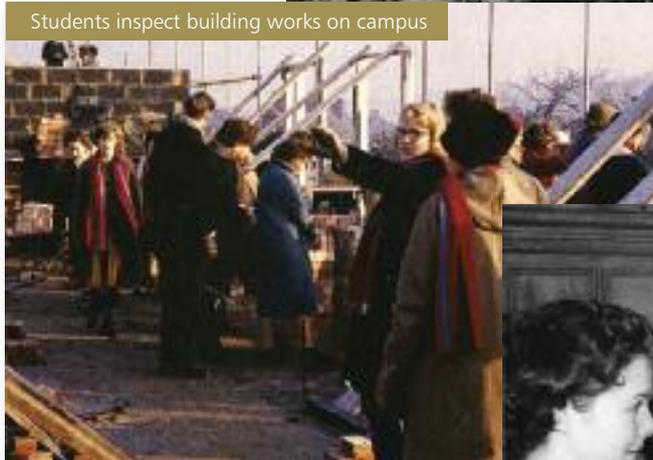
### 1967

The first degree programme, Bachelor of Education, was introduced. It was a one-year programme, following on from the Certificate in Education.

Augustine Abbey orchard site



Students inspect building works on campus

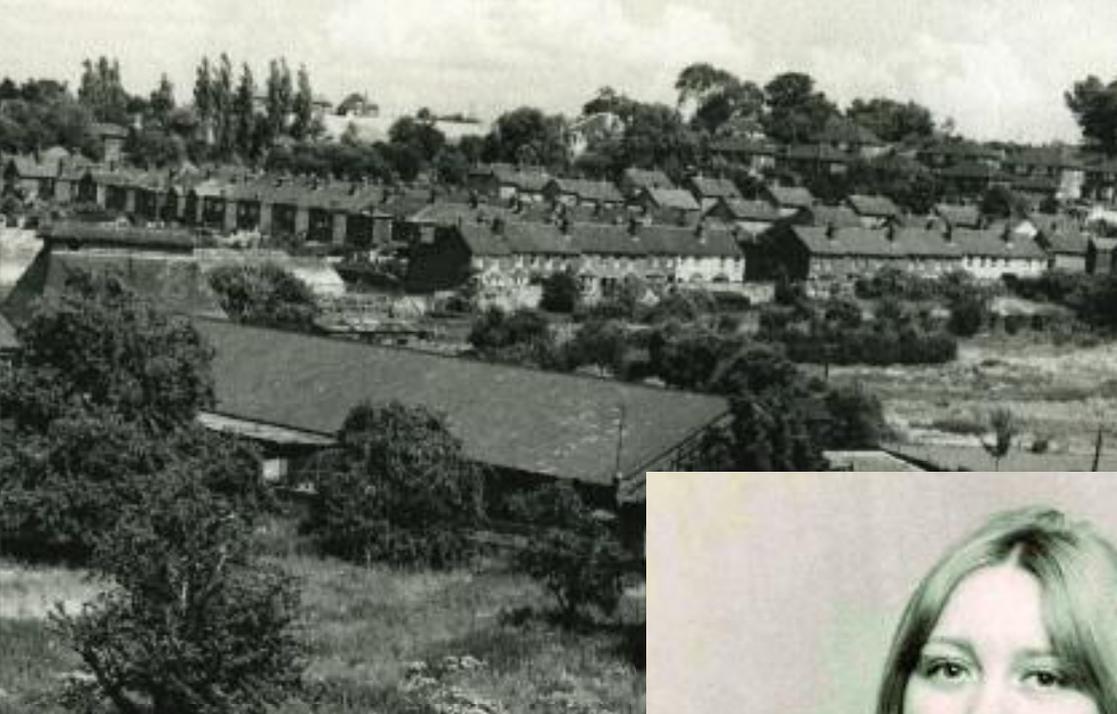


### 1968

Erasmus building was completed and a thanksgiving service was held in the Cathedral with more than 1,000 people attending.

### 1969

Coleridge House was acquired from St Augustine's College, an Anglican missionary training college on the grounds of St Augustine's Abbey. It was originally used for study space with approval from the Department of Education and Science (DES) for music, speech and drama.



Dr Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, has tea with students



Shalley Lewis - Miss Christ Church 1963

“Rules were very strict. We had to be in the hostel by 9.45pm during the week and 10.45pm at the weekend”

Shalley Lewis

## 1968-69

– first B.Ed students graduated

**Shalley Lewis** remembers life as a student in 1963: “Many of the original student hostels are now offices. I lived in Lang in my first year. Rules were very strict. We had to be in the hostel by 9.45pm during the week and 10.45pm at the weekend when doors were locked. We were only allowed three passes per term to be away for a weekend. We quickly learnt how to dodge porters and I was blessed with a ground floor room for easy entry late at night!” Shalley is now a lecturer at the University.

# 1970s...

## 1970

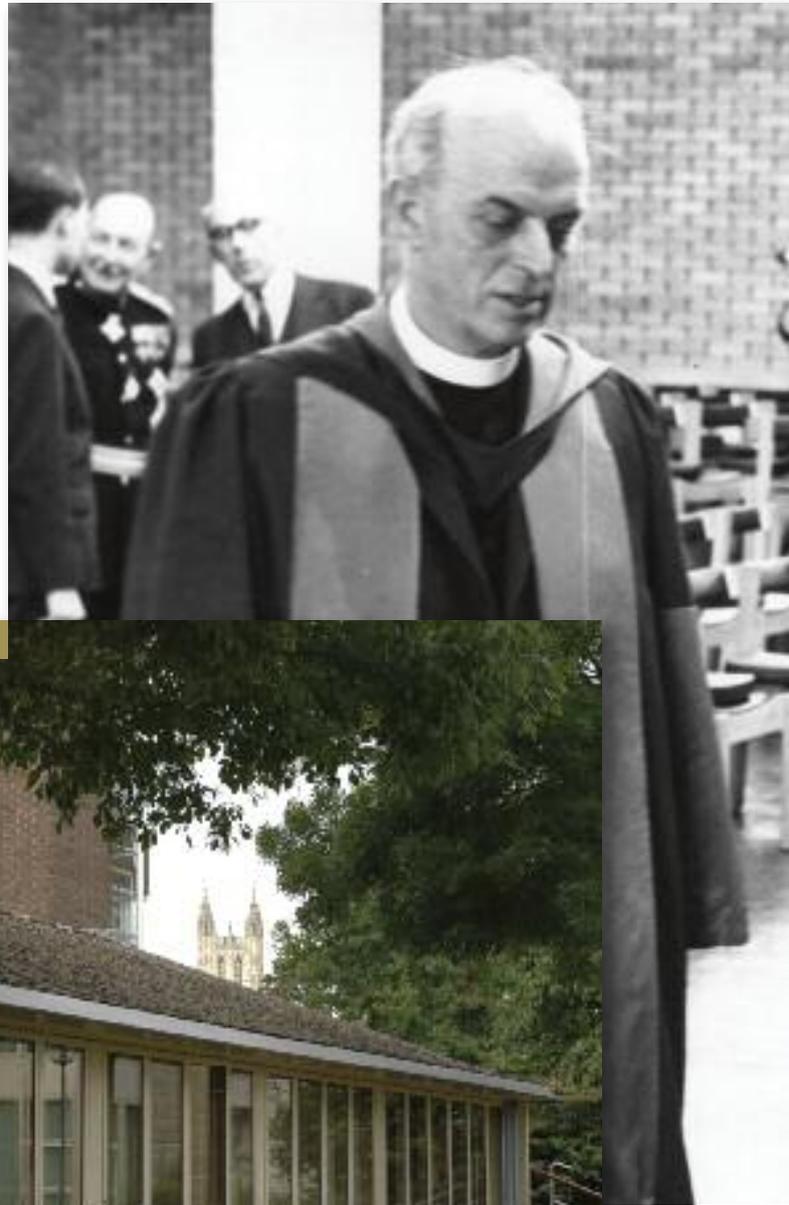
Student numbers rise to nearly 700.

## 1971

First postgraduate qualification, Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) was offered – a milestone for the College as this was previously only offered by universities.

## 1975

Appointment of second Principal, Mr Michael Berry. Over the next decade, 168 teacher training colleges around the country were cut to a total of 20. Christ Church College became the only general teacher training college in Kent.



Erasmus opens



Michael Berry, the second Principal of Christ Church

## 1975

Students with the appropriate 'A' levels could enter directly into a new B.Ed as an alternative route to the Cert.Ed.



Making use of the old library on main campus

Her Majesty the Queen in the newly-constructed Chapel with the first Principal, Reverend Dr Frederic Mason (left)



## 1978

The University of Kent took over validation of degrees and a much wider range of subjects was made available. This led to a steady growth in numbers.

## 1976

The first non-teacher training degrees were offered in a very restricted range of subject combinations – five students took up the opportunity, studying Religious Studies and English, followed by a few more in 1977. These degrees were validated by the University of London Institute of Education. The MSc in Physics and Education, offered jointly by Christ Church and the University of Kent, was also introduced in this year. A language school for overseas students was created and a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) diploma was introduced.



Liz Martin

**Liz Martin** graduated in 1976 and says: "We were the last year to benefit from a freedom in course work before they introduced 'units' of this or that! I studied Environmental Studies and remember vividly how it combined all my interests of literature and science to give a real understanding of life from all angles. I would like to thank my tutors from then - any who still remember me. My English tutor was fabulous and drew me out from my chronic shyness to give me confidence and inspire me to find a lifelong love of symbols and meaning in literature. Since Christ Church, I have studied at many other places (Goldsmiths, Oxford, and what was then Southbank Polytechnic) but it is Christ Church I remember fondly; it gave me a love of life."

# 1980s...

## 1980

First Masters degrees offered, solely by the College, in Psychology of Education and Curriculum Studies. Also in this year Radio, Film and Television studies transferred from Stockwell College following its closure. This was the first joint honours programme in a subject not linked to teacher training and was the foundation of the present Department of Media. Valuable resources for the development of art and music were also acquired from Stockwell College in this year. This diversification allowed for 300 extra students to be recruited.

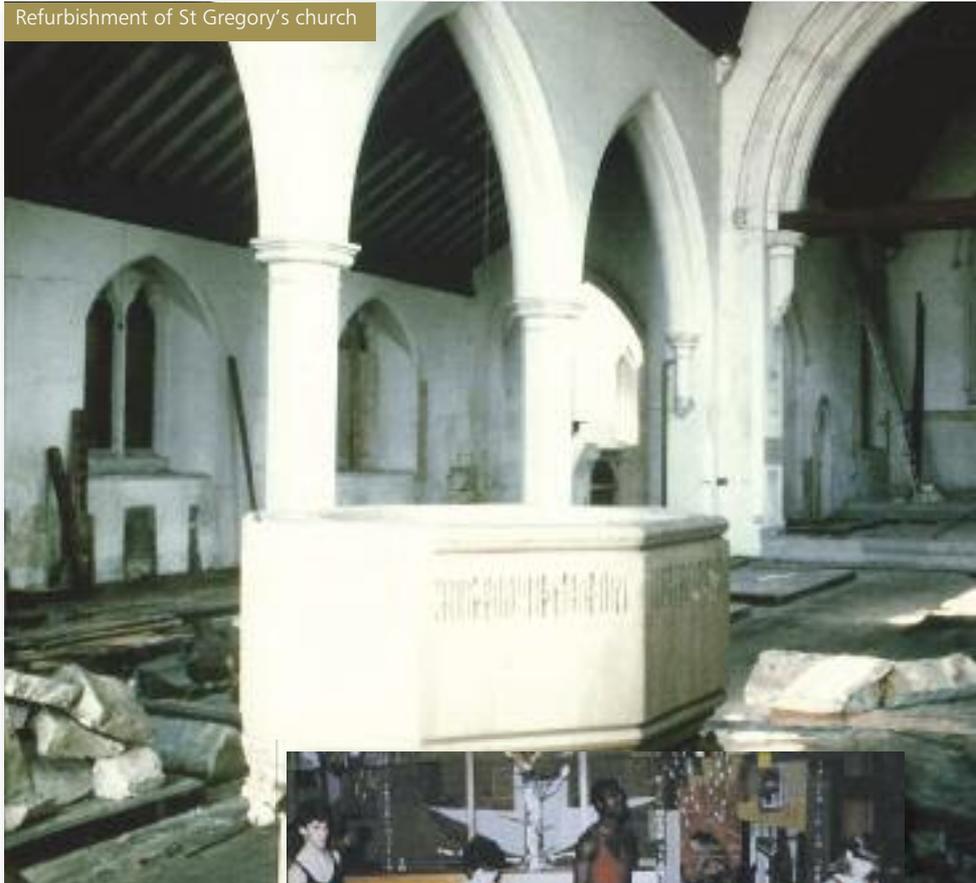
## 1981

St Gregory's Church was acquired and partially converted.

## 1983

The Department of Education and Science gave approval for the College to offer MPhil and PhD degrees. It was the first college of Higher Education in the UK to be recognised in this way and was an important progression towards university title. St Gregory's opened as a performing arts centre and the College radio station, C4, was also set up in this year.

Refurbishment of St Gregory's church



A dance performance in the chapel in the early 80s

## 1985

This heralded a decade of intensive building on the North Holmes Campus, almost one new building or major extension a year.

The Students' Union building opened to meet ever-increasing student numbers. It would remain as the SU Building for over a quarter of a century.

## 1987

The long-planned Information Technology building opened, now known as Invicta.



The Students' Union Building opens



Kate in her uni days and today

**Kate Blewett**, independent film Producer and Director, remembers the early 80s: "I had been at Christ Church for several weeks, when I met someone called Poons, who was to become my greatest friend for life. We chatted in a corridor and smiled pleasantly as we exchanged small talk for the first time. I then invited her back to my room on campus for a coffee. She accepted and said that would be lovely. We got back to my room and I put the kettle on, got out the famous free powdered milk that was then provided for every room - and whisked it merrily into Poons's coffee. She sipped it slowly, smiled pleasantly and left. It was only when she got to know me that she told me the powdered milk was in fact washing powder - another of the college students, Matthew, had switched the powdered milk.... Poons remains my best friend today - regardless! Thanks Matthew!"



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Kate Blewett

## 1988

The College received funding for programmes in Business Studies, IT and Tourism. These were the first new joint honours subjects since 1980 and recognised the needs of the world of commerce.

## 1989

The numbers of students hit 2000 and this continued expansion meant that other premises beyond the campus in Canterbury had to be acquired for use by Art, Music, Education, Nursing and Sport.

Health-related professional courses began. Schools of Nursing were brought into Higher Education from the NHS and the College became a centre for health education. New buildings were added to accommodate teaching in occupational therapy, radiography, nursing and midwifery.

# 1990s...

## 1990

There was a rapid expansion during the 1990s from 2,000 students at the beginning of the decade to over 6,000 by the end of 1993 and 9,500 by the summer of 1997. It also saw the start of pre-registration training in Nursing.

## 1991

The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, officially opened the new paramedical building, Jenner, now known as Johnson, in November. The College also validated a Certificate in Education designed and delivered in partnership with Further Education Colleges.

## 1992

The College achieved accredited status with the University of Kent, assuming responsibility for the design, approval, examination and quality of its own taught programmes and for graduation ceremonies. It also became involved with the YMCA George Williams College in Walthamstow, offering degree and diploma courses in youth work and informal education. At the same time, the Marlowe Centre was acquired which housed the Art and Design Department, and The

Mount, a former hospital in Stodmarsh Road, was purchased, which became the postgraduate centre. Both buildings were later sold. Also in this year, the Centre for Enterprise and Business Development was created.

## 1993

A property on Lady Wootton's Green was purchased to house Language Studies. The Maggini Quartet became the College's quartet in residence, further enhancing the ever-growing importance and influence of music for the College and community.

## 1995

The College was awarded the power to grant its own degrees for taught courses. Old Sessions House, a former court house, was acquired in this year and its extensive refurbishment began.

The Maggini Quartet take up residence



Naming of Powell building in 1999 - Columba Powell, Lady Attenborough, Thelma Schoonmaker-Powell (left to right)

**Judith Crayford**, Senior Lecturer in the Business School studied here in 1998. "Having been a student here myself, the perspective I have on the difficulties that students face has helped me to respond to their needs more effectively. Christ Church was a place of opportunity for me, combined with support when it was needed. It is immensely satisfying to be in a position now to offer that opportunity and support to others."

The Princess Royal opens Johnson



## 1996

The College bought the Salomons Centre near Tunbridge Wells from the NHS, a late-Victorian mansion situated in 38 acres of parkland. It brought with it one of the country's most successful Doctoral programmes in Clinical Psychology. Also in this year, the first Christ Church students moved into halls at Lanfranc in Canterbury.

## 1997

Student numbers hit 10,000 and the third Principal, Professor Michael Wright, who would become the first Vice-Chancellor, was appointed.

## 1997

The Powell building was opened and the College also welcomed 260 overseas students, drawn from 30 countries, to join other European students, who were studying here on the Erasmus programme. There were exchange links with North Carolina and North Illinois State Universities as well. By 2012, the number of overseas students would grow to well over 1,300 drawn from over 100 different countries.

## 1998

The title of Canterbury Christ Church University College was adopted. In the same year, a partnership agreement for joint projects in language teaching was signed in Boulogne with the Université de Littoral. The Old Sessions House was re-opened by Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury. The building went on to win architectural awards for its sensitive yet modern conversion, providing impressive space for professional education, and has become an important venue for public lectures and events. The Archbishop also re-dedicated the College at the same time.

## 1999

Thelma Schoonmaker-Powell officially named the Powell building in honour of her late husband, Michael Powell, the renowned film director.



Michelle Robold in the 90s

**Michelle Robold** (nee Smith), has chosen a quiet life in the country as a freelance writer for the Discovery Channel and History Channel, after her time as the Interactive Managing Editor for Discovery Networks International, and recalls: "I studied Radio, Film and Television with English Literature between 1994 and 1997. It was due to the extent to which the RFTV course focused on practical experience rather than solely theory, which helped propel me into the television industry. This, together with the valuable writing skills learnt whilst studying English Literature, provided solid grounding for my future career. Even the tight deadlines prepared me. A live programme can't budge its transmission and won't wait, for any excuse - I'm pretty glad I got out of bed in time for lectures now!"



The Salomons Campus near Tunbridge Wells



The Court Room of Old Sessions House

# 2000s...

## 2000

At the start of the millennium, Christ Church had become one of the largest non-university institutions of higher education in England.

The Broadstairs Campus was formally opened by Archbishop George Carey, after whom it was named. This was a milestone for the University College and an important step for the Isle of Thanet. The creation of what is known locally as 'Thanet University', the only Higher Education institution in Thanet, was strongly supported and welcomed by the entire community. Also in 2000, the completion of the renovation of the Stables building at Salomons was marked by its formal opening as Runcie Court, in memory of the late Archbishop. The College of Guidance Studies, the smallest higher education establishment in the country, merged into the College at this time and its courses began to be offered at Salomons Campus.

## 2001

St Martin's Priory, the University College's original site, was restored and re-opened in this year.

## 2002

Art students moved into the refurbished Sidney Cooper Centre in the heart of the City, taking it back to its original use as an art school.

HRH Duke of York has lunch at Thanet Campus



Art students move into the Sidney Cooper Centre

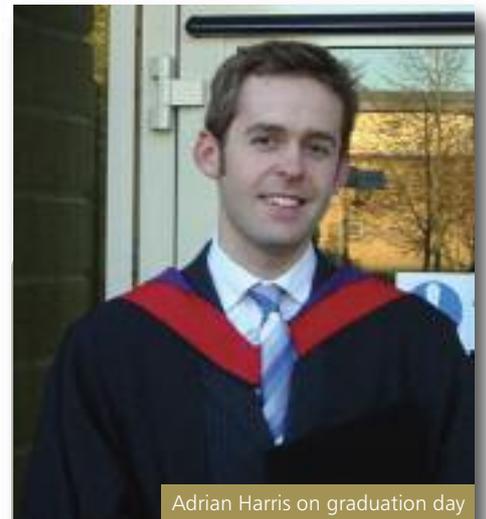


## 2003

In May, HRH The Duke of York visited Thanet Campus to mark the University College's 40th Anniversary. Halls of residence were opened in Broadstairs. Hall Place, an impressive building just outside the City, was acquired in this year, providing a wide range of professional services to support knowledge exchange and collaboration between academics and businesses, public services and the voluntary/not-for-profit sectors.

## 2004

The newly refurbished gallery section of the Sidney Cooper Centre was opened to the public. Also in this year, the University College bought Clarkson House, which was demolished and rebuilt as Augustine House, our flagship Library and Student Services Centre. Medway Campus was opened by The Most Revd and Rt Hon Dr Rowan Williams Archbishop of Canterbury, after whom it is named, and the Sidney de Haan Research Centre for Arts and Health was opened in Folkestone.



Adrian Harris on graduation day

**Adrian Harris** studied at Christ Church between 2003 and 2006 and remembers: "I graduated in November 2006 having studied a BSc in Computing. I found the degree helped me significantly with my job, as it gives a very good practical and theoretical grounding for working in the IT industry. Whilst I was a student for three years I also ran a web design business in my spare time. This certainly helped when I applied for jobs as I had a portfolio of work to show."



Professor Michael Wright CBE - first Vice-Chancellor and Emeritus Professor

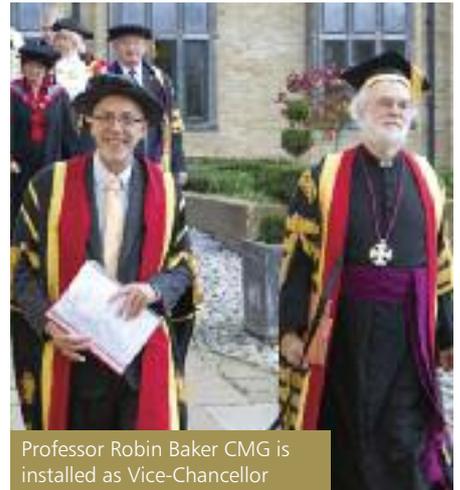
**Professor Michael Wright CBE**, the first Vice-Chancellor, remembers carol services in the Cathedral: "I naturally have many happy memories of occasions great and small during my time at Canterbury Christ Church. Many of the most treasured ones were personal conversations with staff and students following a major event in their lives. However, an outstanding public occasion was the Cathedral Carol Service in December 2004. We started to have an annual carol service in the Cathedral (as opposed to the Chapel) in 2002, initially to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. However, with the Dean's permission, this became an annual event.

"In December 2004, the then University College received a two-day official visit to assess our application for full university title. Visitors of that kind are discouraged from accepting hospitality from the institution or engaging in activities not directly relevant to the purpose of their visit. The evening of their visit coincided with our Cathedral Carol Service and, with some difficulty, I persuaded them to attend. Once I saw their reaction to the marvellous occasion – the singing, the readings, the preaching – I knew that they realised they had seen a "university" in action. They would not accept a mince pie but full university title was awarded.

"I naturally wish to congratulate the University on its Golden Jubilee. All students and staff, past, present and future, have reason to be profoundly grateful for the vision and hard work of all those whose efforts founded Canterbury Christ Church University."

## 2005

The University College was awarded full university title by the Privy Council and the installation of the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams, as the first Chancellor, followed in the inauguration ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral in December. Hall Place was also officially opened by the Lord Lieutenant of Kent.



Professor Robin Baker CMG is installed as Vice-Chancellor

## 2006

A service of re-dedication of the University Chapel of Christ in Majesty was led by the Bishop in Canterbury and Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Stephen Venner.

## 2007

University Centre Folkestone, in the heart of the Creative Quarter, was opened.

## 2009

The multi-million pound Christ Church Sports Centre was opened in May and the University was granted Research Degree Awarding Powers by the Privy Council in August. In September, Augustine House, was also officially opened.

## 2010s...

### 2010

Professor Robin Baker CMG succeeded Professor Michael Wright CBE as Vice-Chancellor and Principal in September. Planning permission for a new accommodation and student centre, St George's, close to the Canterbury Campus was granted, which will open in 2012.

### 2011

Professor Robin Baker CMG was installed as Vice-Chancellor at a ceremony in Canterbury Cathedral watched by students, staff and invited members of the public.

University Inauguration Ceremony in 2005



Memories of the 2004 carols by candlelight



# Alumni Celebration Day

## Saturday 19th May 2012

As we start our anniversary year, we are very conscious that it is our alumni who have made the University what it is today. Your history is our history.

No anniversary year could therefore be complete without involving you in the celebrations. For that reason, the centrepiece of our programme of anniversary events is an Alumni Celebration Day. It is our pleasure to invite you and your family, to what we hope will be the biggest reunion of Alumni ever held at Canterbury Christ Church University.

The University has grown enormously since it first opened its doors to just 70 students in 1962. Each department stands ready to help you recapture something of the time you spent with us and to experience Canterbury Christ Church as it is now in 2012.

Come and be reunited with past friends, rediscover old haunts and explore new ones. And enjoy the day by taking part in a wide range of activities designed for the whole family.

Follow us on the Alumni Facebook page  
[Facebook.com/ChristChurchAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlumni)

### Register online at

[www.canterbury.ac.uk/GoldenJubilee](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/GoldenJubilee)

You can also register by post. Complete the form on the reverse of your address and return to:

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 Canterbury Christ Church University  
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 (FAO Jubilee Office)  
 please register by 30th April 2012.

For those who apply by post confirmation of your registration will sent in due course.

### A Taste of Things to Come ...

Whatever your interests or age, there is something for you to enjoy at the Alumni Celebration Day. Sports, music, food and drink, a mini-cinema, pond-dipping, contemporary dance, computer games and quizzes, time charts, an arts room and SO much more...

### GUEST AUTHOR

Join the Department of English for a special reading by children's author, Geraldine McCaughrean.

### TAKE THE TOUR!

See how the Canterbury Campus has developed over 50 years and our exciting new building programme coming to fruition in 2012.

### MUSIC

Canterbury Christ Church is proud of its reputation for music performance. From Classical to Big Band Jazz, the Celebration Day will include some of the University's best performers. And you can join them, taking part in a scratch rehearsal and concert run by staff and students of the Department.

### FOOD ARTS AND CRAFTS FAYRE

Cider, confectionary, art, fabrics, jewellery, household accessories, toiletries, olives, patchwork.....and much more with producers coming from across Kent to help our alumni celebrate the University's anniversary.

### WHODUNNIT?

A former courtroom provides the dramatic setting for a mock trial. Follow the Department of Criminal Justice Studies through the labyrinth of policing, forensic investigation and applied criminology as they apprehend and try a criminal.

### JOIN THE ATHLETES!

Let the Department of Sports Science and Tourism introduce you to the science of elite sport. Take part in a range of fun activities to explore the worlds of physiology, psychology, biomechanics and motor skill acquisition.

# Jubilee events throughout 2012

## 27 January – 3 March

**Humphrey Ocean: Now and Then** – Humphrey Ocean returns to the Sidney Cooper Gallery with a number of key works spanning his time as a student at Canterbury.

## 27 January – 3 March

**Third Dimension** – Sculpture from the British Council Collection exhibiting at the Sidney Cooper Gallery.

## 3–4 March

A '**Battle of the Bands**' in Augustine Hall to commemorate the phenomenon of the 'Canterbury Sound' of the late 1960s and 1970s, so important to the history of rock music globally.

## 16 March – 5 April

**The Thinking Line: Defining Drawing at the Sidney Cooper Gallery** – This exhibition includes work by Canterbury Christ Church University alumni and staff.

## 17 March 7.30pm

**Golden Jubilee Concert at Canterbury Cathedral** – The Christ Church Choral Society and 2012 Orchestra, directed by Professor Grenville Hancox, in celebration of the Golden Jubilee, will perform Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor (K626) and the Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

## 16 April – 20 July

**Photography competition** – all past and present staff, students and local residents of Kent and Medway are invited to enter. The theme of the competition is 'Freedom', which is taken from the University's motto 'The truth shall set you free'.

## 1 June

**Golden Jubilee Summer Ball** – see right.

## 29 June 7.30pm

**Viennese Chamber Concert** – A snapshot of chamber music, played on period instruments, opening a window onto the world of classical chamber music as imagined by the composers themselves.

## 16–18 July

**International Teacher Education Conference** – an international teacher education conference to celebrate 50 years of educating teachers, in Old Sessions House. The Conference will include internationally renowned keynote speakers and an opportunity for researchers to present papers on six research themes related to teacher education.

## 17 October 6.00pm

**Surgical Extravaganza** – an interactive lecture and simulation, demonstrating the changes in clinical surgery practice over the last 100 years, hosted by Medway Campus. The lecture and demonstration will be given by two internationally renowned consultant surgeons.

## 8 November

**Golden Jubilee Festival of Light** – A spectacular light show following the path from Lady Wootton's Green. Experience the familiar North Holmes Campus reinvented as architectural spaces in motion, transformed through displays of light, music and film.

For more information and to book tickets, please visit:  
[www.canterbury.ac.uk/GoldenJubilee](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/GoldenJubilee)

## Let your hair down and support the Jubilee Summer Ball

Christ Church Students' Union (CCSU) is hosting the Jubilee Summer Ball on the 1 June 2012. In celebration of the Jubilee, the Union is expanding the Ball to include more attractions and entertainments than ever before. All past students are invited to this special occasion as well. So why don't you come along and enjoy the whole event with current graduands and students.

The Union is also seeking funding to support the Ball. Would your contacts or company sponsor this fabulous celebration of university life? As the Union is a registered Charity (1142619), any donations towards the Summer Ball are a 100% tax write-off for a company.

Come along and relive the good old days. Buy your tickets from the CCSU Shop website from March onwards: [www.ccsushop.co.uk](http://www.ccsushop.co.uk). For more information, contact Andrew Cameron, Events and Marketing Co-ordinator, email: [andrew.cameron@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.cameron@canterbury.ac.uk)

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