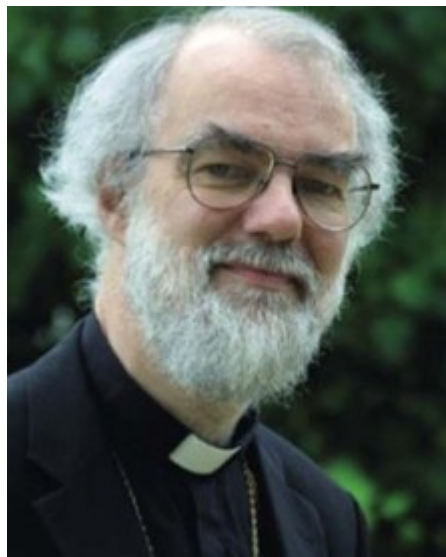




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Archbishop backs Development Project

The Archbishop of Canterbury has lent his support to the appeal to complete fundraising for Phase I of the College Development Project.



Archbishop Rowan Williams

"The Residents of the College are people who have given their lives in the service of Christ. It is now our turn to care for them," writes Dr Williams. "Please help the College to continue caring for its most frail residents in the best possible environment, within the community that has become their 'second family' and their home."

This phase of the project includes re-roofing the oldest part of the Central Block of the College buildings, but is much more than simply restoration work. The Residents' lives will be enhanced and the College's environmental impact will be reduced by the installation of high levels of insulation and double glazed windows.

Four of the residential care rooms are being refurbished, extra windows installed, and bathrooms and corridors made more accessible.

The College has succeeded in raising more than £200,000 to fund the project, and the Archbishop is encouraging the Church to help us close the gap of a shortfall of slightly under £50,000.

The Archbishop is a committed Patron of the College, and we are immensely grateful for his endorsement of the Development Project.



The College under scaffolding



Early stages of refurbishment

Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

What a generation!

By Vivien Hepworth, Vice-Chairman of the Council

The little old lady was standing in the snow, shivering, I realised, with fear rather than cold.

She was on ice, and wobbling on the stick she had brought with her. An offer of help brought the contradictory response that she was alright, but on the other hand it would be good now she thought about it to lean on someone.

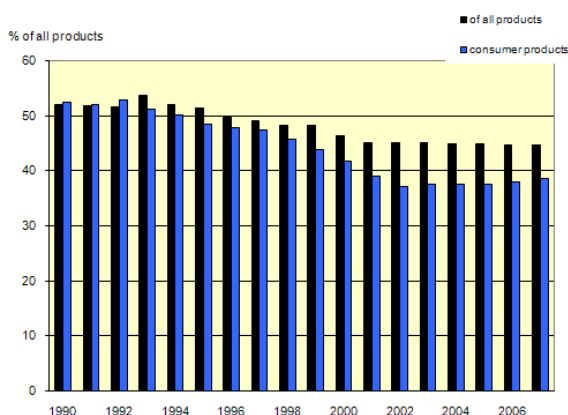
In this vein, we managed to walk slowly round the corner and into the GP surgery she was trying to visit. “Of course I have fallen before,” she observed. “Two years ago. Nine weeks in hospital. Wouldn’t want that again. I’m 91.” Sustaining what I realised to be an indomitable spirit, I tried to provide *unobtrusive* support. But as we walked into the surgery, the arm was firmly removed. “Can’t have them thinking I can’t walk unaided,” she said. And with that she tottered off alone (although I had made her promise she would get a taxi home).

I see the same kind of spirit at the College. Some residents remain in excellent health for many years; others are less fortunate. But what you feel whenever you are there is that same determination to carry on come what may.

What a spirit – and, as I now increasingly think, what a generation. Are we baby boomers going to be like that in 20 or 30 years? I hope I am learning by example!

Other ways to help the College

As a supporter of the College and our ministry, you will know how hard we work to ensure that our Residents benefit from every penny we raise. Like all charities, we ask people to give cash donations, but there are other possibilities.



Have you considered making a gift of shares, for example? Over £100 million in shares is donated to charity each year. Make a donation of shares to the College of St. Barnabas and you could help support our vital work while benefiting from as much as 40% in income tax relief at the same time.

Whether you have a few windfall shares sitting and gathering dust or a more sizeable donation, giving shares is not at all complicated. A share donation to charity benefits taxpaying donors with income tax relief and exemption from Capital Gains Tax. You are also entitled to claim tax relief for any associated costs, such as brokers’ fees.

You can donate shares directly to charity or, having confirmed the arrangement in advance, sell the shares on the charity’s behalf and simply donate the proceeds. You might want to discuss the options with your financial adviser or accountant.

You yourself know the efforts we make to ensure that elderly and infirm Clergy receive the best possible care and enjoy a good quality of life at the College. But have you considered spreading the word about us in your place of work? The support of companies can benefit us in a number of ways – and businesses can receive a number of benefits by making charitable donations to causes like ours.



All companies can get tax relief when they give money to UK charities, although the relief works differently for companies, self-employed people and partnerships.

Companies can claim corporation tax relief for gifts of shares. In addition they can claim relief if shares are sold at less than their market value, and this relief is in addition to any exemption from corporation tax on any capital gains on gifts to charity of shares, securities and other assets. One factor to bear in mind, however, is that a company cannot give its own shares.

Your place of work can also benefit our charity in other ways. For instance, companies can claim corporation tax relief for gifts of land or building, and additionally on items that they make or sell, if these items are donated to charity.

There is also the possibility of sponsorship of charitable activities, and, if your workplace does not already have a Payroll Giving Scheme in place, the costs of setting up a scheme and the modest outgoing costs are deductible for tax purposes.

How about getting your colleagues on board? Around one in five employees work for employers that support schemes for volunteering. If employees volunteer in work time, your company can claim tax relief for the employment costs they continue to incur.

**REMEMBER US IN
YOUR WILL**
Help our work live on...

Finally, have you considered including a gift to the College in your Will? Did you know that charitable legacies are the largest single source of income to charities in the UK, and you don't have to be rich to make one. Leaving a charitable donation in your Will can make a vital difference to our work and

allows you to make your mark on the world by providing for a good cause that is close to your heart. It enables you to continue to show your caring and compassion once you are gone.

Free of inheritance tax, a donation to the College of St Barnabas in your Will can also help reduce the tax burden on your estate. In fact more and more people are using charitable legacies to make a final gift to charities they have supported throughout their lives.

Contact the College for more information on any or all of the above.

The Feast of St Barnabas

By Niki Blaho, Fundraising Assistant

The celebration of the life and feast of St Barnabas becomes a week-long event at the College.

In the winter cold, pick up your cup of tea, hold it tight and feel the warmth getting through to your skin like that of sunshine on a summer evening. Five months from now snow and frost will have long disappeared, nature will display its brightest colours again, and all its creatures; trees, flowers, animals will pulse to the rhythm of the heartbeat of earth.

Imagine a narrow country road with a bend here and there, where, if you turn at the right sign on a special Saturday afternoon, you will come across a wondrous place. Cross the tiny bridge, park your car, pop out and enjoy "The College of St Barnabas Experience". Care for a walk in the beautiful garden? Dare to go further into the enchanted wood (that's what we tell the children)? Or would you rather start with a putting game? Others are already having a picnic but you have just arrived, so keep on going to discover our historic building, whose foundation stone was laid more than a hundred years ago. It is more than accommodation, it is a place of retirement, a place of companionship, friendship, love. A place full of memories. *It is Home.*

Please do come in. The Residents welcome you. Look around in a Cloister flat or in the nursing wing, feel the intimacy of our two Chapels - a Choir may be singing in one of them. Marvel at the original paintings, chat with staff, have a word with the Residents, try our home-made cakes, have a seat and enjoy tea in the marquee. You needn't jump if a stone statue suddenly blinks at you and comes to life. That is quite normal here, at least on this day.

Don't you have a feeling that you have already missed something? Well rumour has it that on Tuesday afternoon The Barn Theatre staged a performance in the marquee; family and friends of the Residents enjoyed the Evensong and Garden Party on Thursday, and you missed the Patronal Festival Dinner on Friday, with its live music, draws, auctions and the finest food and drinks. Surely, you were invited...

Outside the jazz band is getting ready to play, the sun is still shining, the fresh air brings closer the song of the birds and you can hear people who are chatting and laughing outside. Go and join the group, lay down your blanket or grab a seat. Leave space for squirrels and bunnies — we have plenty of them here — and simply enjoy our Annual Open Day. Yes it is Saturday, 11th June.

The detailed programme of the whole week of events will be published later this year.



Icon of St Barnabas

Barnabas was born in Cyprus, into a Jewish family. His parents named him Joseph. Only years later when he sold all his goods and gave the money to the Apostles in Jerusalem, they gave him a new name which meant "Son of Encouragement", in honour of his work in the Church. Barnabas believed in the power of gospel message to change people's hearts. He was one of the first to understand that the mission of church was universal.

According to the legend of the martyrdom of St Barnabas, certain Jews jealous about his success, stoned him to death. His kinsman, who was a witness of his death, privately interred his body.

The Church in Cyprus teaches that Barnabas appeared in a dream to the Archbishop of Constantia, Anthemios, in 478 and revealed to him the place of his sepulchre beneath a carob tree. The following day Anthemios found the tomb and inside it the remains of Barnabas with a manuscript of Matthew's Gospel on his breast.

The College of St Barnabas will hold its Tenth Annual Festival Dinner on 10th June and its Open Day on the 11th June 2011.

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