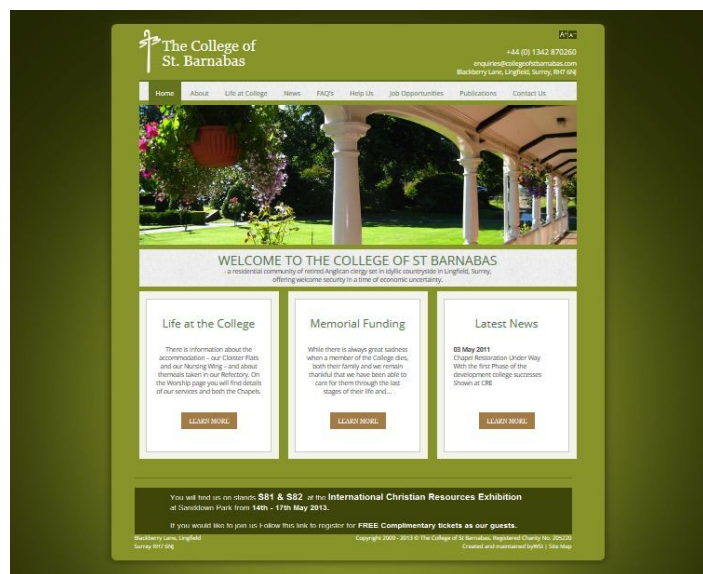




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College launches new website

A new, more interactive website for the College will be launched in May to coincide with the International Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown Park.

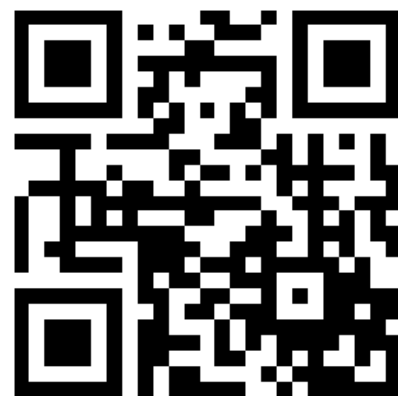


As more technical opportunities become possible, and the need for online security increases, the time is right for a new look.

The College website was last rebuilt in 2008 and it has served us well. At the time it was a big advance on what had previously been available. However, as things have been added to it, it has become less easy for visitors to navigate and more difficult to manage 'behind the scenes'.

As well as giving full information about life at the College, the new site enables news items to be accessed easily from the home page, forthcoming events to be advertised and shows a changing slideshow of pictures across the top of the pages. It is also possible to make donations online, including gifts in memory of former residents.

The address of the website remains the same: www.st-barnabas.org.uk and is accessible as before. To make things even simpler, smartphone users can scan the QR code opposite to come straight to our new online home.



Caring for retired Anglican Clergy

Characters from the College:

Fr Ivan Clutterbuck

By Cliff Caswell

A faith tested in dust of conflict and battle flame has continued to burn brightly in the senior years of this well-known Anglo-Catholic priest.

Fr Ivan Clutterbuck was plunged into some of the most intense fighting of the Second World War, finding himself in the eye of the storm in conflict-torn Italy while he was still at the earliest stages of his ministry.

Pressed into service as a chaplain with the Royal Artillery, it was a calling that would have tested any experienced priest to their limits. For the Classics and Theology graduate from Christ's College, Cambridge, who had only been recently ordained, the experience was a literal baptism of fire.



"I became a deacon in 1939 and a priest the following year," the 97-year-old recalled. "Just six months later I found myself placed as a chaplain in the Army. In reality, I was about three years too young for the role because the minimum age was supposed to be 28. I was only 23 when I became a deacon in 1939 and the war had not started. I was ordained as a priest the following year."

Fr Ivan's wartime ministry came to an end when he found himself "getting too close" to a German artillery strike at the height of fighting in Sicily in 1944. Having cheated death from an incoming shell, and finding himself unable to walk, he was medically evacuated and promptly found himself on a hospital ship to Algiers.

It was not, however, to prove the end of his calling to the Armed Forces. His experiences were to later serve him well during nearly two decades as a chaplain in the Royal Navy, which followed a spell of teaching in the early years after the Second World War.

His ministry at sea was to take him far and wide on vessels such as HMS Glasgow, and included a three-year posting in Malta. He also served as Chaplain to Lord Mountbatten, the last viceroy of India.

"Being with Lord Mountbatten was very interesting," he recalled. "It was also fascinating to travel to places such as Poland, which was still under communist rule at the time, and behind what was then known as the Iron Curtain."

The author of five books, Fr Ivan continued to live an adventurous life after his many years in the armed forces. His roles have included serving in parish ministry in Cornwall and as Master of the Hospital of St John the Baptist without the Barrs in Lichfield.

After this long and varied ministry that began in the Diocese of Rochester, Fr Clutterbuck moved to the College of St Barnabas in 2001. He celebrated the 70th anniversary of his ordination (*see picture above*) in 2009.

Internet shopping made easy!

By Lord Michael Herbert

The College has recently teamed up with online shopping portal www.givingabit.com

givingabit is partnered with hundreds of your favourite shops, so if you have access to the internet and make purchases online from time to time, why not check it out and sign up today at www.givingabit.com ?



There is absolutely no obligation on you to buy anything at all, nor indeed to donate.

However, if you do come and join us, you can create donations for us at no extra cost to you just by shopping online. The retailers taking part simply make a donation to us based on the amount you spend.

As a bonus you will also get entered into the monthly prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

If we're all "givingabit", everyone wins.



Don't forget

You can also help by becoming one of our Care Partners and changing the way you give from cheque or cash to regular standing order. You might also give some thought to leaving the College a final gift in your Will.

Please contact us if you would like more information.

And finally ...

We are trying to reduce costs by using email wherever possible. If you would prefer us to contact you in this way, please let us know by sending an email to fr.assistant@collegeofstbarnabas.com



Your invitation to visit us



As part of our 2013 College Festival we invite you to join us for our

OPEN AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 15th JUNE

from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Live Jazz Morris Dancing
Personal tours of the historic buildings
Afternoon Teas Barbecue

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