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A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
TO CELEBRATE
THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY
OF
THE FOUNDATION OF
WHITELANDS COLLEGE



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Noon

HISTORICAL NOTE

The University of Roehampton has its roots in the traditions of its four constituent Colleges and their Providing Bodies, which were pioneers of training women as teachers, and at the forefront of early years education.

Whitelands College was founded in 1841 as a teacher training college for women by the Church of England's National Society, taking its name from its first home, Whitelands House, on King's Road, Chelsea. By 1878, Whitelands was the largest training college in the country with 140 students, and by the early twentieth century, came to be regarded as one of the foremost women's teacher training colleges in the country.

Southlands College opened in Battersea in 1872 as a training college for women teachers by the Wesleyan Methodist Conference. It took its name 'Southlands' from the house where it opened, with an adjacent Practising School built to provide teaching experience. The number of students steadily increased from the original 105, and the opportunity was provided in 1905 to read for a university degree in a wide range of subjects in addition to the teacher training course.

Digby Stuart College opened in Roehampton in 1874 as a training college for young women who wished to teach in Catholic schools. Its first home was at the Roehampton Convent of the Society of the Sacred Heart until a more permanent home was found in Wandsworth, when the College was known by the name Wandsworth College. The organisation of the College was the work of Mother Mabel Digby, the Superior of the Roehampton community. Mother Mabel Digby was succeeded by Mother Janet Stuart in 1894, after whom the College was renamed in 1946.

Froebel Educational Institute (FEI) opened in 1892 on Talgarth Road, West Kensington. The College was led by a committed group who followed the philosophy of Friedrich Froebel (1782–1852). Froebel valued close partnership with parents and open community schools, founding the 'Kindergarten' for very young children. The College reformed educational methods and teacher training, emphasising the development of the whole person.

During the early life of the Colleges many students attended having secured scholarships. Student life was tightly controlled and strictly disciplined and living conditions were spartan—often in cold, unheated rooms. Yet these conditions were often better than those they left behind. The women formed close bonds and kept in touch after they left their College. As early as 1875, the first reunion of Whitelands alumni took place, with similar reunions held for alumni of Southlands and Wandsworth from the 1890s.

At the turn of the twentieth century, the four Colleges were flourishing. By supplying qualified teachers for voluntary and state schools, they had become valued institutions and enabled their founding bodies to maintain an important presence within the national education system. The Colleges offered young women the chance to gain a professional qualification when such opportunities remained rare, and in doing so made an important contribution towards the growing role of women in society.

The decades following the end of the Second World War saw great change in Britain, and perhaps nowhere more so than in the field of education. All four Colleges played their part in helping to expand the numbers of teachers in training. During the 1960s, three-year teacher training courses became compulsory, the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) was introduced, and by 1971, all four Colleges became co-educational.

If expansion was the watchword in teacher education in the 1950s and 1960s, the 1970s brought a significant turnabout, with the government announcing stringent cuts in the numbers of students training to be teachers. With their viability as free-standing institutions thus threatened, the four Colleges recognised that as allies they could secure their future. Consequently, in 1975, Digby Stuart, Froebel, Southlands, and Whitelands Colleges entered into a federation to form the Roehampton Institute of Higher Education (RIHE).

In 2000, the Roehampton Institute entered into a federation with the University of Surrey and became known as the University of Surrey Roehampton, before gaining independent university title in 2004. Over the following six years, the newly established University agreed new long-term partnerships with the four College Providing Bodies—the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Society of the Sacred Heart, and the Froebel Trust. The new agreements set the foundations for the University, the Colleges and the Providing Bodies to work together in partnership for the next century, united by a commitment to help all students, regardless of their background, to reach their potential and to become responsible citizens and leaders in the modern world.

Today, the University of Roehampton is a thriving community of 9000 students studying a wide range of subjects on campus and many more, studying online or with partners in the UK and overseas. The University has established an international reputation for excellence in teaching, and is the most research-intensive modern university in the UK. We are proud of the fact that our students come from all walks of life, many different

cultures, and over 140 different countries. Over half are first generation students, almost three quarters are women. Our students do exceptionally well at the University, with over 70% gaining a first or upper-second degree, and over 93% are in work or further study six months after graduation.

175 years after the creation of its first College, the University remains faithful to its founding ethos and traditions, and is on an ambitious trajectory to become an outstanding and distinctive university for the twenty-first century.



Second year students seated on the lawn of Whitelands College, Chelsea, 1865.

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The church is served by a hearing loop. Users should turn their hearing aid to the setting marked T.

The service is conducted by The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster, Pro Chancellor.

The service is sung by the Westminster Abbey Special Service Choir, conducted by James O'Donnell, Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Daniel Cook, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service:

Matthew Jorysz, Assistant Organist, plays:

Sonata in B flat Op 65 no 4 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)*
i. Allegro con brio
ii. Andante religioso
iii. Allegretto
iv. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Andante espressivo *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*
from Sonata in G Op 28

Prelude on Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)*

The procession of Senate, Council, Fellows and High Officers of the University of Roehampton moves to its place in Quire and the Lantern.

The Mace of the University of Roehampton is borne by the Whitelands College President, and is accompanied by the May Monarchs of Whitelands College.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand. The choir sings

THE INTROIT

O HEARKEN thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God :
for unto thee will I make my prayer.

Roxanna Panufnik (b 1968)

Psalm 5: 2

All remain standing for

THE HYMN

during which the Choir and Clergy move to places in Quire and the Sacarium, and the mace of the University of Roehampton is brought to the Dean, who places it on the High Altar.



PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
 biddeth them cease,
 turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
 Let the Amen
 sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

Lobe den Herren 440 NEH
Praxis pietatis melica 1668

Joachim Neander (1650–80)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)
and Rupert Davies (1909–94)

*All remain standing. The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, Dean of Westminster,
Pro Chancellor, gives*

THE BIDDING

ON behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and in my capacity as a Pro Chancellor and former General Secretary of the National Society, it is a particular pleasure to welcome representatives of the University of Roehampton to our celebration of the foundation of Whitelands College 175 years ago.

We gather to give thanks for those pioneering years when the National Society was establishing school education for all, based on the principles and values of the Church of England, and higher education for women to prepare them for the noble vocation of teaching.

We shall celebrate the achievements of all the Colleges that established in 1975 a single higher education institution, that became twelve years ago the University of Roehampton. And we shall pray for all who govern and direct the University and for all who teach and learn that whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report may here flourish and abound.

All sit. Siobhan Kelly, President of the Roehampton Students' Union, reads from the Nave Pulpit

REMINISCENCES OF WHITELANDS COLLEGE

by

Eleanor Cattermole (1874–1958)

Whitelands College 1893–94

All sit. Professor Dame Jacqueline Wilson DBE, Chancellor, reads from the Great Lectern

PROVERBS 8: 1–11

DOES not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

All remain seated. Kate Grace, (flute), Whitelands College Music Scholar, plays:

Les Folies d'Espagne

Marin Marais (1656–1728)

All remain seated. The Reverend Dr Mark Garner, Head of Whitelands College, reads from the Great Pulpit

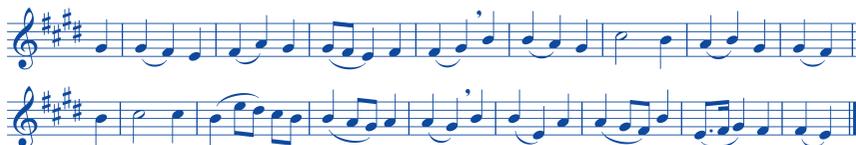
PHILIPPIANS 2: 5–11

LET the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



O THOU who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

Hereford 431 NEH
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All sit for

THE ADDRESS

by

The Reverend Lucy Winkett
Rector of St James's Church, Piccadilly

All remain seated. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,
The Father, of an infinite majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son,
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ;
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the
Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the
kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with
thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy Name ever world
without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Te Deum laudamus in G

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

All remain seated. Professor Paul O'Prey, Vice-Chancellor, reads

THE CAGED SKYLARK

AS a dare-gale skylark scanted in a dull cage
Man's mounting spirit in his bone-house, mean house, dwells—
That bird beyond the remembering his free fells;
This in drudgery, day-labouring-out life's age.

Though aloft on turf or perch or poor low stage,
Both sing sometimes the sweetest, sweetest spells,
Yet both droop deadly sometimes in their cells
Or wring their barriers in bursts of fear or rage.

Not that the sweet-fowl, song-fowl, needs no rest—
Why, hear him, hear him babble and drop down to his nest,
But his own nest, wild nest, no prison.

Man's spirit will be flesh-bound when found at best,
But uncumbered: meadow-down is not distressed
For a rainbow footing it nor he for his bones risen.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–89)
Candidate for the novitiate in Manresa, now Whitelands College,
and who took his vows as a Jesuit priest in Roehampton in 1882*

All kneel or remain seated for

THE PRAYERS

The Reverend Paul Arbuthnot, Minor Canon and Sacrist, says:

In thanksgiving and peace, let us pray.

The Reverend Dr Daniel Eshum, Chaplain of Whitelands College, says:

ALMIGHTY God, we pray that you will look with gracious favour on the University of Roehampton, that knowledge may be increased among us, and good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart we may ever look to you, the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wiktor Madejczyk, Chaplain of Digby Stuart College, says:

ETERNAL God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the development of virtue; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend David Innes, Chaplain of Southlands College, says:

LET your blessing, O Lord, rest upon all who those teach and undertake research in our colleges, and universities. Give them grace to seek after truth, and enable them to attain it; but grant that as they increase in the knowledge of earthly things they may grow in the knowledge of you, who to know is life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ginny Jordan-Arthur, Chaplain of Digby Stuart College, says:

LOVING God, bless all students in our colleges, and universities; may everything they do begin with your inspiration and continue with your saving help. Let their work always find its origin in you and through you reach completion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Ella Sibley, Assistant Chaplain of Southlands College, says:

O GOD, who has built the Church through the diverse gifts and graces of the Saints: We give you thanks for all holy women who have taught and inspired us. Help us, we pray, to follow their steps, and fill our hearts with love for you, and for others for your sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gillian Morris, Chief Executive, The Froebel Trust, says:

BLESS, O Lord, those who devise policy in our schools, colleges, and universities; endue them with your wisdom, guide their understanding, and teach them to do what is acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Reverend Professor Vernon White, Canon in Residence, says:

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom: enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sacrist concludes:

Jesus taught us to pray for the coming of God's kingdom, and so we have confidence to say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

All stand to sing

THE HYMN



LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Blaenwern 408i NEH
William Rowlands (1860–1937)
arr James O'Donnell (b 1961)

Charles Wesley (1707–88)

All remain standing. The Dean pronounces

THE BLESSING

GO forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Collegiate and academic processions move to the west end of the Abbey Church.

Music after the service:

Toccata *from* Symphonie V in F Op 42 no 1

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

Members of the Congregation are kindly requested to remain in their seats until invited to move by the Stewards.

There is a retiring collection in aid of The University of Roehampton 175 Fund.

The Bells of the Abbey Church are rung.

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