

Celebrating **125 years**

April 2024



ALUMNI AT MATRICULATION

13 St Mary's alumni joined us for lunch in College before joining the staff procession for the 2024/25 matriculation service in Durham Cathedral. There, they met with St Mary's new undergraduates as they start student life.

> of Durham Parish Council 33 Claypath The site of Durham University's Women's Hostel established on 22nd April 1899 as the first residential accommodation for women students. It was later renamed St. Mary's College which is now located on Elvet Hill Road.

October 2024

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125TH ANNIVERSARY BURSARY

We awarded 9 incoming undergraduates from lower income households a 125th Anniversary Bursary of £1,000 each. The funds are to be used to off-set St Mary's catering costs. The bursary also supports the widening access and participation plan.



125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

Chancellor Dr Fiona Hill and Vice Chancellor Prof. Karen O'Brien attended the Gala Dinner along with university colleagues, alumni, students and friends of St Mary's. The Margaret Bloomfield Scholarship was announced.

BLUE PLAQUE UNVEILING

At the end of November, we, along with Durham Parish Council, unveiled a Blue Plaque at 33 Claypath, which, in 1899, was the first home of what is now St Mary's College.



ALUMNI REUNION DINNERS

The second of our alumni dinner series, where we welcomed alumni who graduated up to 10 years ago .

The next and final dinner will be in June for those who graduated 10-25 years ago.



A HISTORIC WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS

An alumni reunion dinner (25 years plus), an event to celebrate the late Joan Kenworthy with a painting unveiled in her memory, and a play performed by St Mary's students about College in the Assembly Rooms, Durham.

And let's not forget

A drinks reception in London, the St Mary's Alumni Society annual alumni weekend, an oak wallboard unveiling, a student party, a bar unveiling, a Christmas carol service in Durham Cathedral and a telephone campaign to raise funds to support our students and renovate spaces.

And we're not done celebrating yet!

#125yearsofmarys

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