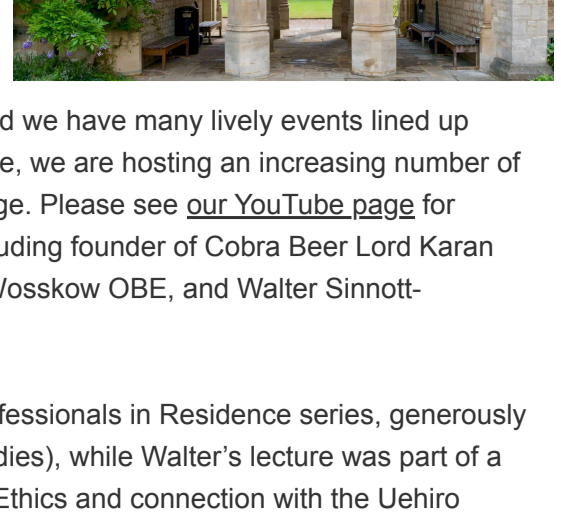


Dear St Crossers,

As midwinter retreats in the rear-view mirror, the West Quad is adorned with snowdrops and early daffodils; we look forward with enthusiasm to Spring at St Cross.



Burns Night Hall got Hilary term underway, and we have many lively events lined up before Easter. In the West Wing lecture theatre, we are hosting an increasing number of talks, bringing stimulating discourse into college. Please see our [YouTube page](#) for recordings featuring last term's speakers, including founder of Cobra Beer Lord Karan Bilimoria, entrepreneur and investor Debbie Woskowsky OBE, and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, an expert on the ethics of AI.

Karan and Debbie's talks were part of the Professionals in Residence series, generously sponsored by Doug Wigdor (1993, Social Studies), while Walter's lecture was part of a series celebrating our specialism in Practical Ethics and connection with the Vethiro Foundation.

We are looking forward to our annual 1965 Club Dinner in college on 21st February, where we say thank you to our generous and long-standing supporters. We will then be launching our first fundraising appeal for some years, setting out how alumni and friends can make a real difference to the lives of people studying here from all over the world.

Furthermore, I am delighted to announce that gifts made to the College this year will be doubled thanks to a [generous matching contribution](#) from David Scrymgeour, a great friend and supporter of St Cross. We are enormously grateful to David, and anyone who would like to seize this wonderful opportunity with a donation can do so [here](#).

Our Development Director Milos and I very much enjoyed meeting alumni in New York in December, and we are planning further trips in the months ahead (including to Edinburgh on 27th March). Closer to home, we will be hosting the annual Fred's Lunch for all St Crossers on 15th March as well as our St Cross in the City drinks event in London on 15th May.

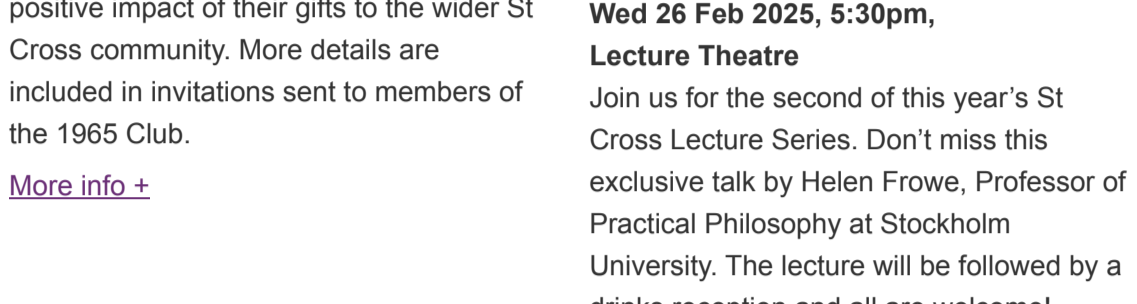
And finally, you can look forward to the next issue of *Crossword*, which should arrive with you soon, bringing the highlights from our community over the past year. Meanwhile, I hope you will enjoy reading the update below, featuring upcoming events, recent achievements of members of our community, and a very special centenary milestone for our Founding Fellow Peter Glare!

With warmest wishes from us all,

Kate Mavor
The Master

Events

We were delighted to see so many of you at our Michaelmas term events and catch up with all your achievements. We very much hope we will see even more of you at our Hilary and Trinity term events, which look to be very exciting!

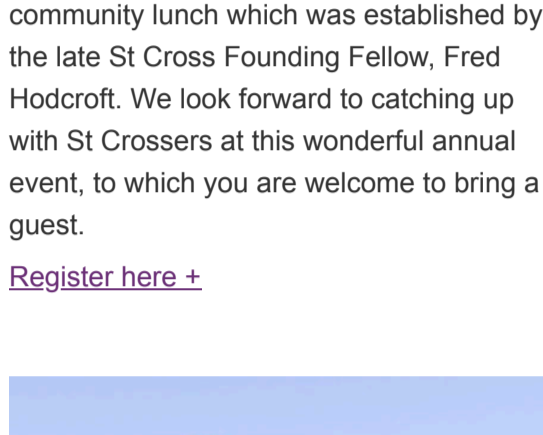


St Cross in the City

Thursday 15 May 2025, 6pm to 8pm, London

We invite all St Crossers to join us for a drink or two at [The Banker Pub, London](#). Pop in and say hi to our Development & Alumni team and catch up with fellow alumni and friends. The first drink is on us and you are welcome to bring a guest.

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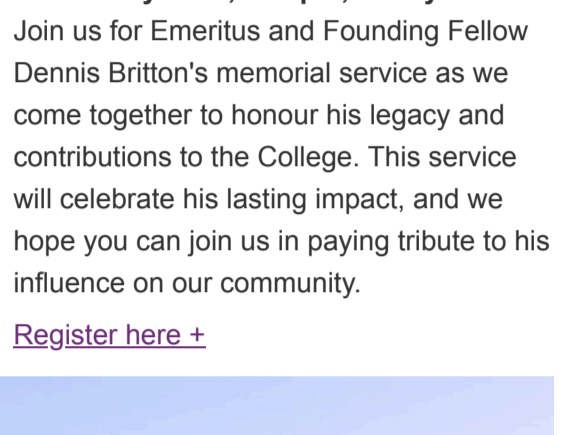


1965 Club Evening

Fri 21 Feb 2025, 7:00pm, Hall

This event is our way of saying thank you to our generous and long-standing supporters and updating them on the positive impact of their gifts to the wider St Cross community. More details are included in invitations sent to members of the 1965 Club.

[More info +](#)

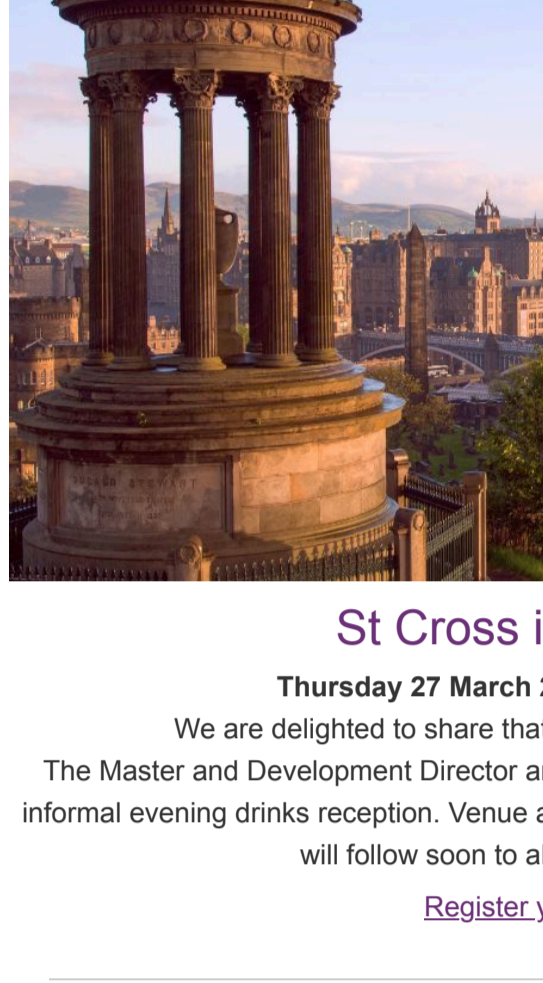


St Cross College Lecture - "Not Just About Sex: Deceptive Relationships and the Law"

Wed 26 Feb 2025, 5:30pm, Lecture Theatre

Join us for the second of this year's St Cross Lecture Series. Don't miss this exclusive talk by Helen Frowe, Professor of Practical Philosophy at Stockholm University. The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception and all are welcome!

[Register here +](#)



Fred's Lunch

Sat 15 Mar 2025, 12:30pm, Hall

Join us in College for our annual community lunch which was established by the late St Cross Founding Fellow, Fred Hodcroft. We look forward to catching up with St Crossers at this wonderful annual event, to which you are welcome to bring a guest.

[Register here +](#)



Memorial Service for Dennis Britton

Sat 10 May 2025, 1:00pm, Pusey House

Join us for Emeritus and Founding Fellow Dennis Britton's memorial service as we come together to honour his legacy and contributions to the College. This service will celebrate his lasting impact, and we hope you can join us in paying tribute to his influence on our community.

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St Cross in Edinburgh

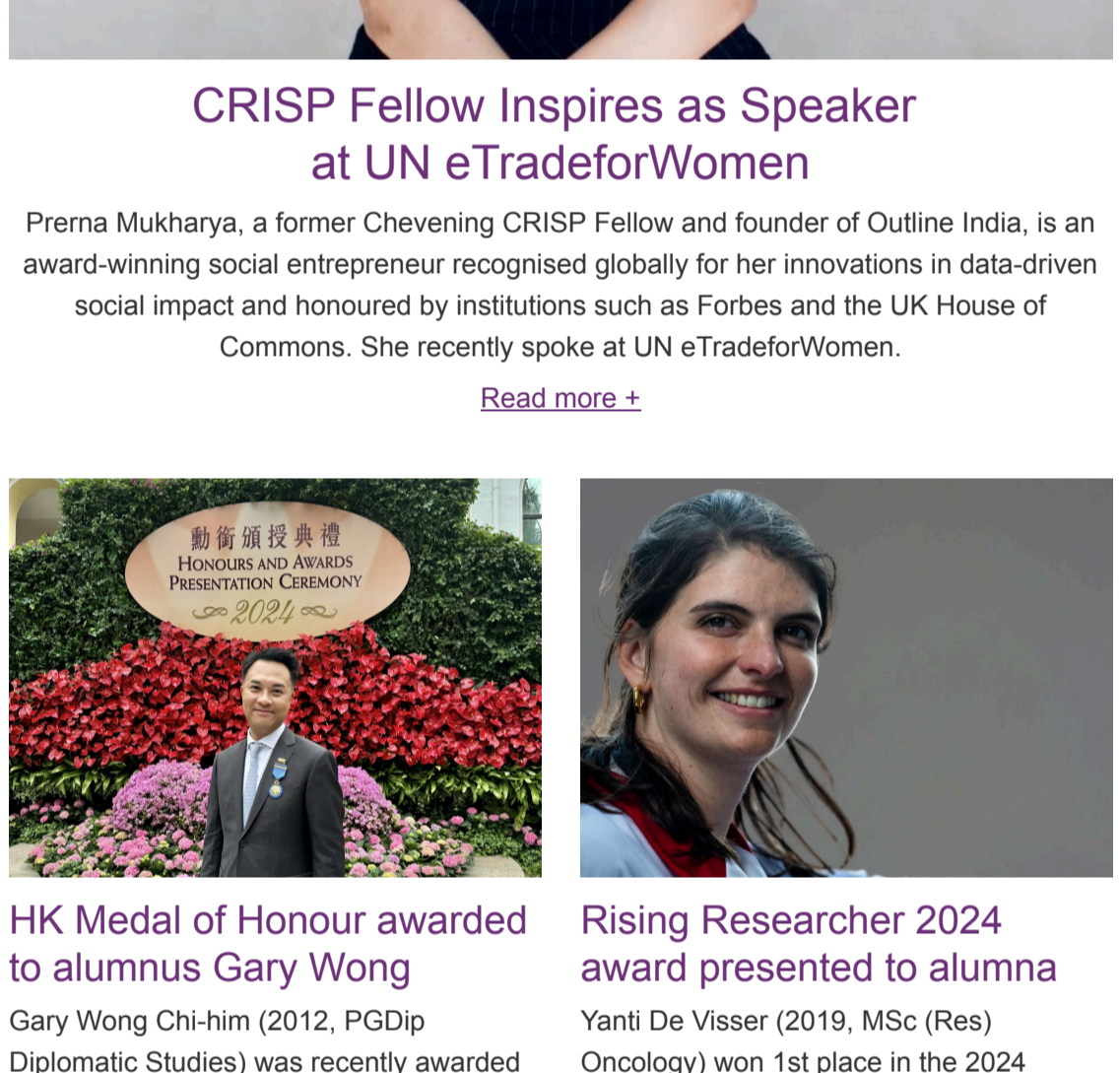
Thursday 27 March 2025, Central Edinburgh

We are delighted to share that St Cross is coming to Edinburgh! The Master and Development Director are looking forward to meeting everyone at an informal evening drinks reception. Venue and time to be confirmed and formal invitations will follow soon to all St Crossers in the UK.

[Register your interest +](#)

News

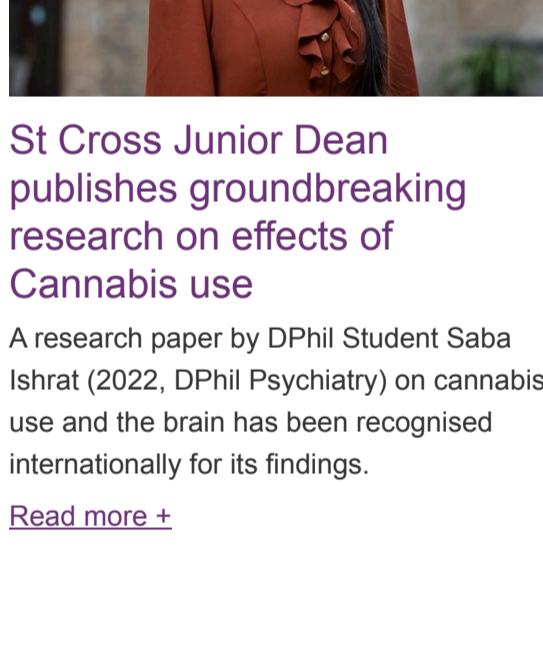
Check out our online [News Page](#) for all the latest news from college.



St Cross Community Matching Gift

Thanks to the generosity of friend of the College David Scrymgeour, gifts to St Cross will be doubled in value, making your support go even further.

[Read more and make a gift +](#)



Human Rights Book Prize launched by James Busuttill

The Royal Asiatic Society has launched the annual James Busuttill Medal and Prize for a book on human rights, aimed at authors within the first ten years of their academic career. James is a longstanding friend and supporter of St Cross.

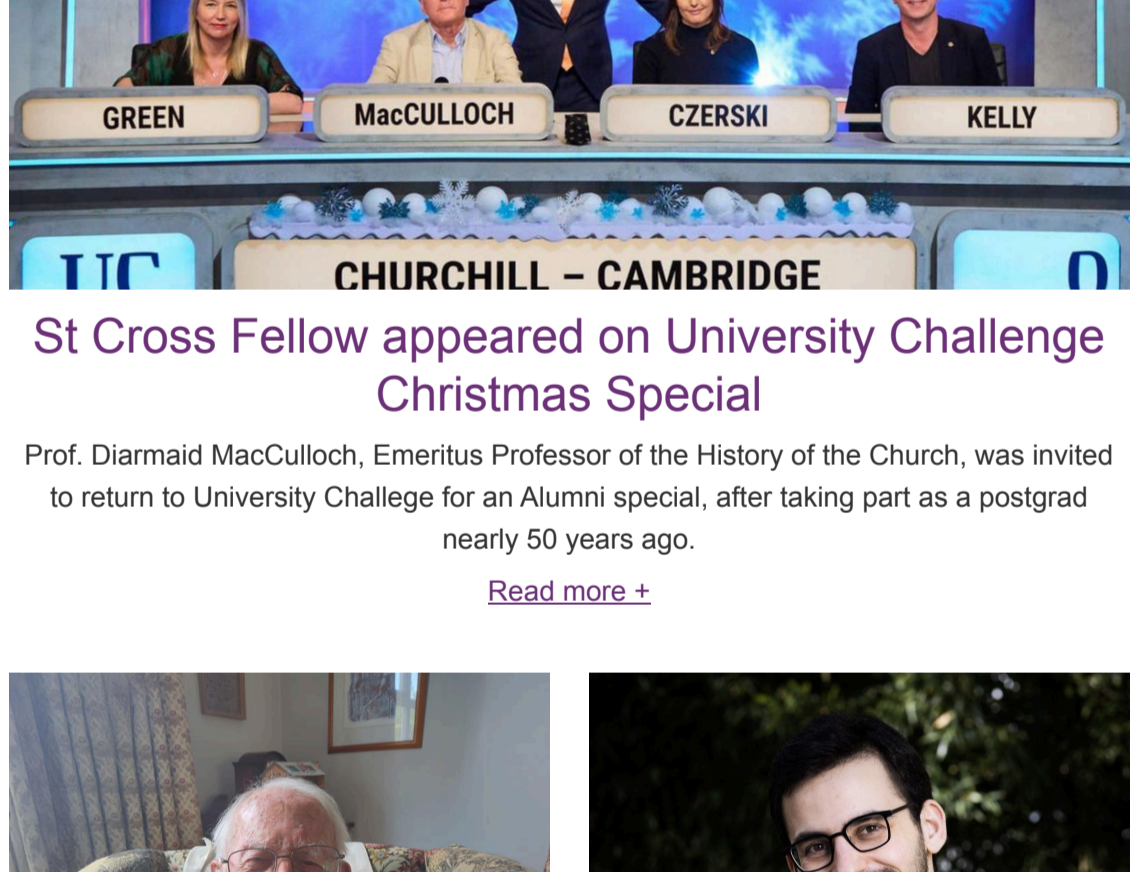
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St Cross Fellow awarded OBE in New Year Honours 2025

Steve Strand, Professor in the Department of Education at Oxford, has been appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) for services to Equality and to Human Rights.

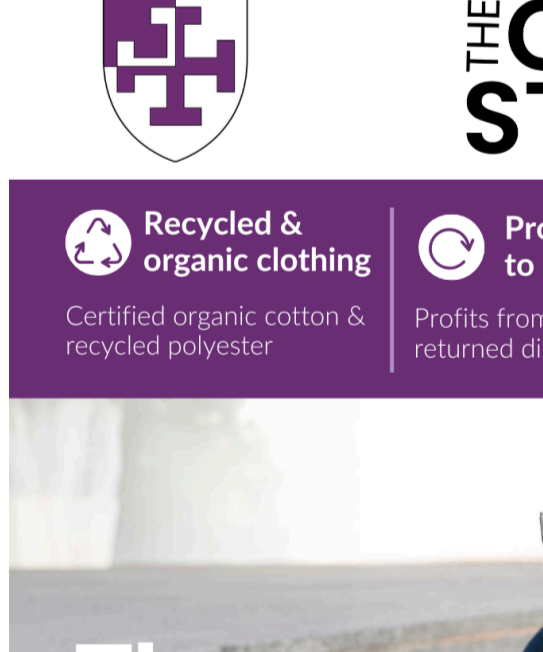
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CRISP Fellow Inspires as Speaker at UN eTradeForWomen

Prerna Mukharya, a former Chevening CRISP Fellow and founder of Outline India, is an award-winning social entrepreneur recognised globally for her innovations in data-driven social impact and honoured by institutions such as Forbes and the UK House of Commons. She recently spoke at UN eTradeForWomen.

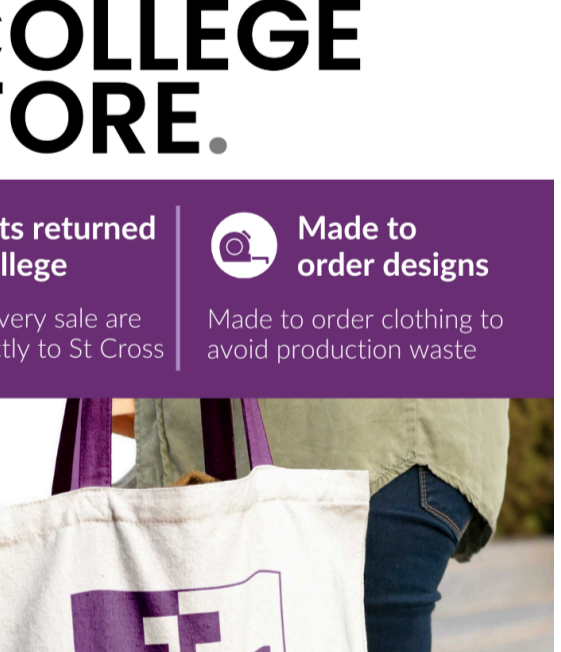
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HK Medal of Honour awarded to alumnus Gary Wong

Gary Wong Chi-him (2012, PGDip Diplomatic Studies) was recently awarded the Hong Kong Medal of Honour, recognising his outstanding community service and contributions to civil service.

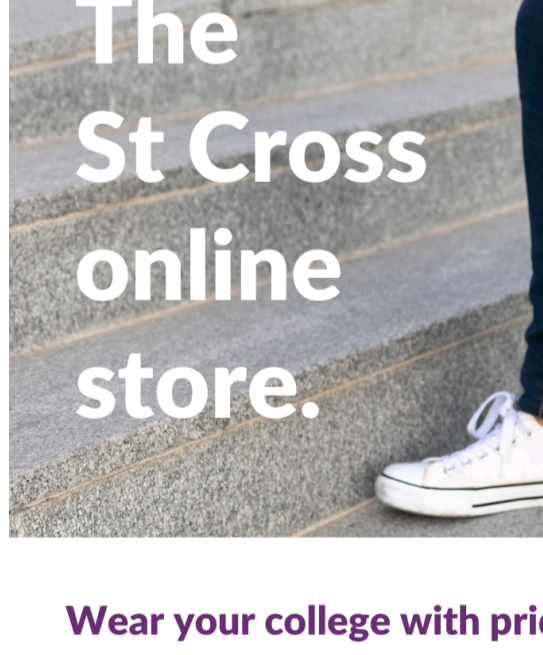
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Rising Researcher 2024 award presented to alumna Yanti De Visser

Yanti De Visser (2019, MSc (Res) Oncology) won 1st place in the 2024 Promega Rising Researchers Award for her project on precision oncology for glioblastoma. The award recognises PhD researchers, supporting their career growth and scientific contributions.

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St Cross Junior Dean publishes groundbreaking research on effects of Cannabis use

A research paper by DPhil Student Saba Ishrat (2022, DPhil Psychiatry) on cannabis use and the brain has been recognised internationally for its findings.

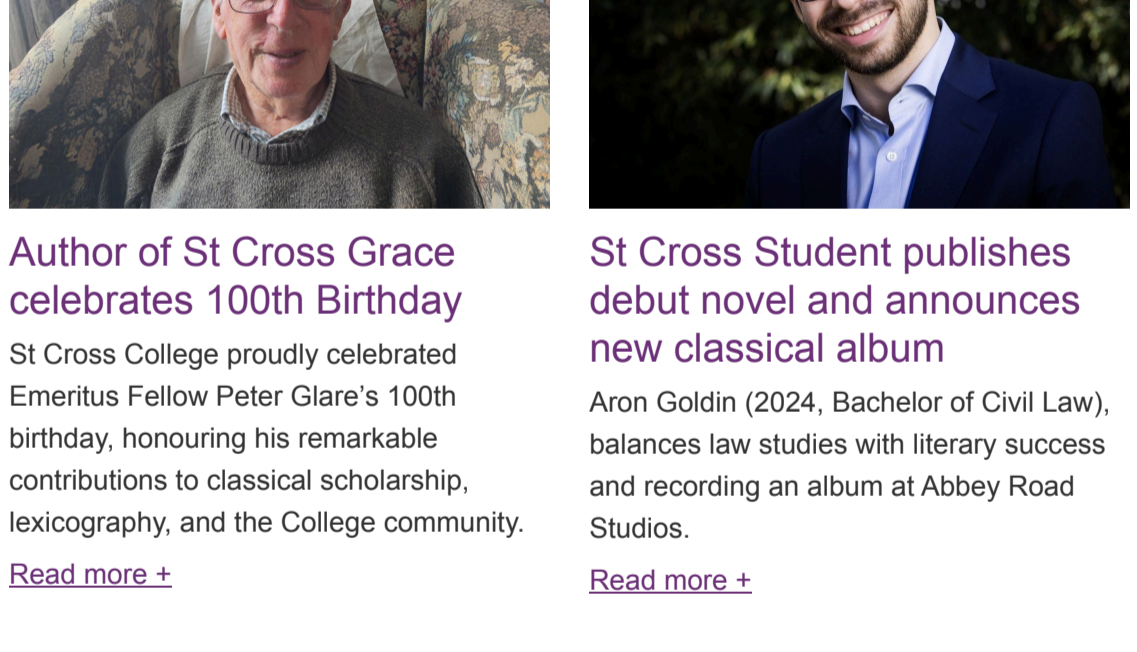
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Alumnus Named Among World's Top 2% Most-Cited Scientists in Linguistics

Professor Kevin W. H. Tai (2017, MSc Applied Linguistics and Second Language Acquisition) is named among the World's Top 2% Most-Cited Scientists in Languages and Linguistics for his research on translanguaging and inclusive language education.

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St Cross Fellow appeared on Churchill Challenge Christmas Special

Prof. Diarmaid MacCulloch, Emeritus Professor of the History of the Church, was invited to return to Churchill Challenge for an Alumni special, after taking part as a postgrad nearly 50 years ago.

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Author of St Cross Grace celebrates 100th Birthday

St Cross College proudly celebrated Emeritus Fellow Peter Glare's 100th birthday, honouring his remarkable contributions to classical scholarship, lexicography, and the College community.

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St Cross Student publishes debut novel and announces new classical album

Aron Goldin (2024, Bachelor of Civil Law), balances law studies with literary success and recording an album at Abbey Road Studios.

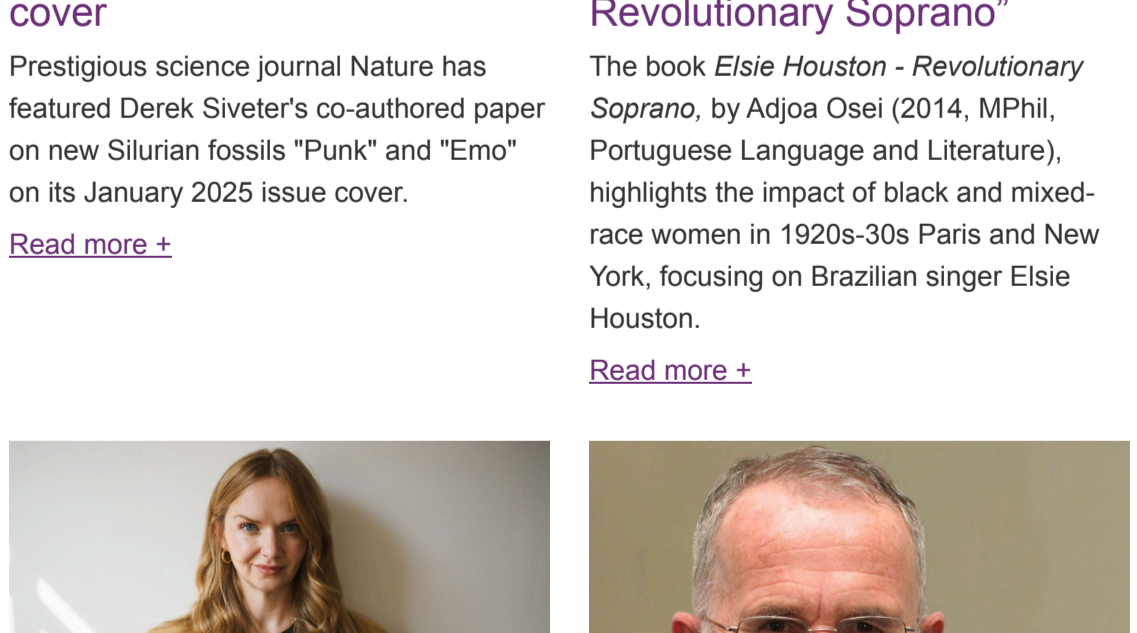
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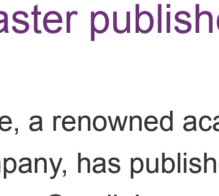
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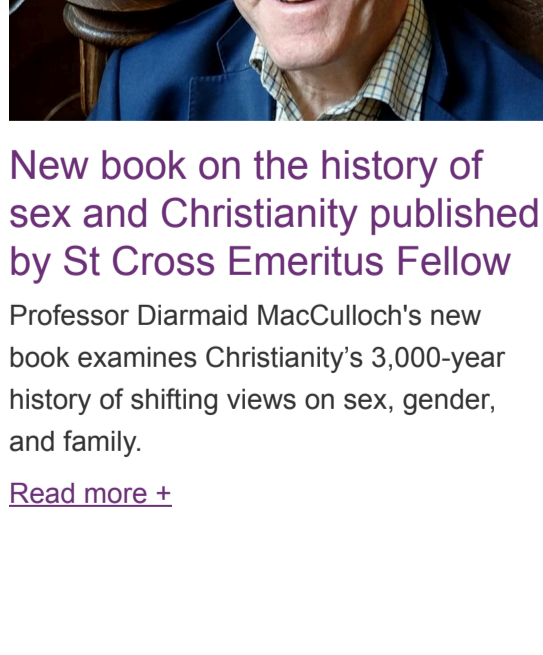
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Publications and Features



Nature journal features Former Fellow's paper on cover

Prestigious science journal Nature has featured Derek Siveter's co-authored paper on new Silurian fossils "Punk" and "Emo" on its January 2025 issue cover.

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Alumna publishes first book: "Elsie Houston - Revolutionary Soprano"

The book *Elsie Houston - Revolutionary Soprano*, by Adjoa Osei (2014, MPhil, Portuguese Language and Literature), highlights the impact of black and mixed-race women in 1920s-30s Paris and New York, focusing on Brazilian singer Elsie Houston.

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St Cross Alumna publishes new book

Kristina Lunz (2014, MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy) authored *Empathy and Resistance*, a book on how these two seeming opposites can foster personal growth, social change, and a fairer world.

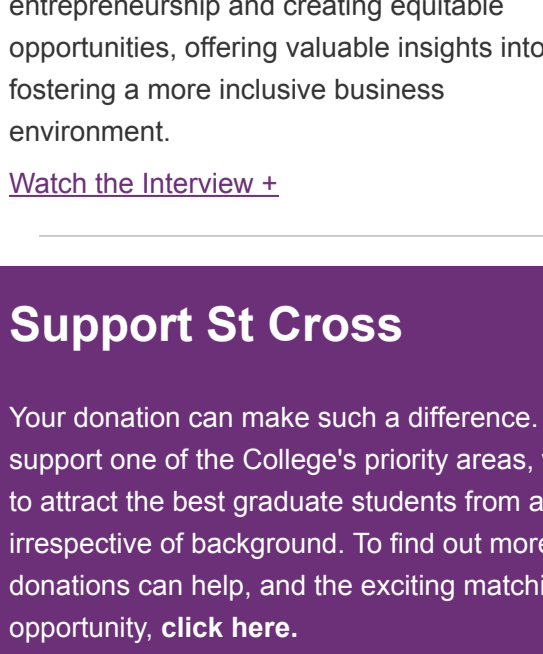
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Former Master publishes new book

Springer Nature, a renowned academic publishing company, has published Professor Andrew Goudie's new book - *Rocky Landscapes of the World with Google Earth*.

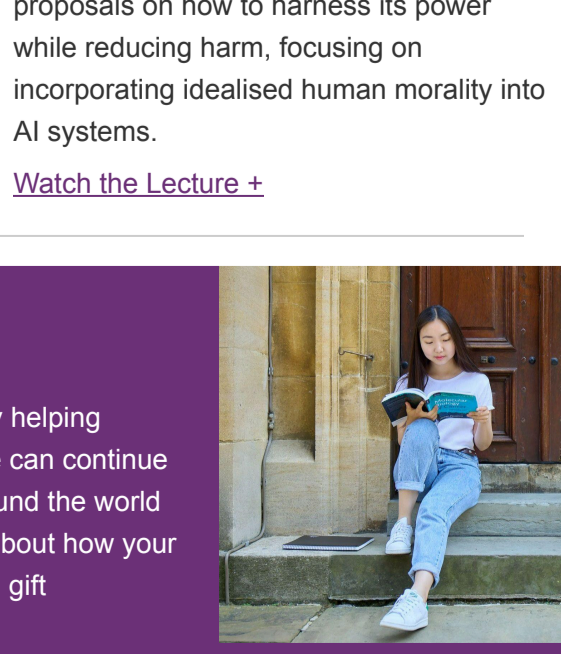
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New book on the history of sex and Christianity published by St Cross Emeritus Fellow

Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch's 3,000-year new book examines Christianity's 3,000-year history of shifting views on sex, gender, and family.

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The Rt Hon Lord Bilimoria, "Boldness in Business"

Don't miss this insightful lecture and interview by The Rt Hon Lord Bilimoria, founder of Cobra Beer. His experiences in entrepreneurship and public service make these a must-watch for anyone interested in the intersection of business and politics. They are now available on YouTube.

[Watch the Lecture +](#)
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Debbie Woskowsky OBE, "In conversation on women's entrepreneurship"

The Interview with Debbie Woskowsky OBE is now available on YouTube. Debbie discusses promoting female entrepreneurship and creating equitable opportunities, offering valuable insights into fostering a more inclusive business environment.

[Watch the Interview +](#)



Walter Sinnott-Armstrong: "Moral AI and How We Get There"

The Lecture by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong is now available on YouTube. He explores AI's benefits and moral risks, offering proposals on how to harness its power while reducing harm, focusing on incorporating idealised human morality into AI systems.

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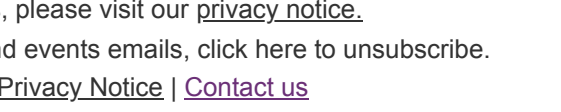
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St Cross Photography Competition 2025

The deadline for submissions is 5pm Friday 28th February 2025.

The 2025 St Cross Photography Competition, themed "Four Corners of the World," is now open to all College members and alumni.

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