



Ministry Training Scheme

Specialising in:

worship / youthwork / international ministry
18-30s / technology / video production

Information Pack



We preach Jesus Christ: crucified, risen, Lord.

The aim of the scheme

To develop and equip men and women to be gospel workers wherever the Lord calls them. Through training, mentoring and practical ministry experience, we want to nurture aspiring Christian leaders.

Scheme outline

The scheme comprises two parts:

Training & mentoring (12 hours/week)

Two options:



Weekly training days with the Midlands Ministry Training Course, run by the [Midlands Gospel Partnership](#). The course aims to help students learn and teach the Bible.

The mornings are spent studying a chronological Bible overview. The afternoons are dedicated to practical training in evangelism, youth-work, preparing Bible talks and pastoral ministry.

In 2023, MMTC operated out of a church in Nottingham. [More information can be found here.](#)

Or



Crosslands Basecamp combines distance learning with monthly meet-ups with other Crosslands students. This is a more advanced course in theological and leadership training.

In 2023, the nearest group met 1x month in Coventry, with self-study in between. [More information can be found here.](#)

Trainees also receive regular mentoring. We will find someone of the same sex to invest time in you and help you grow in your own spiritual walk. We will also try to connect you with people with similar ministry interests inside and outside Park Church. Part of your training will involve a commitment to read widely and we provide a book allowance that we expect to be fully used.

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The programme includes two conferences: the FIEC Leaders' conference, plus another to fit with your ministry interests.

Service (24 hours/week)

Trainees receive on-the-job training, working in one of the ministries of the church. That might be with children and families, or evangelism, or youth-work, or video production. or among internationals or older people, or in music, or maybe something else you are passionate about. The area you would work in would be agreed with the church leadership of course.

We expect trainees to be thoroughly involved in church life, and so you may be asked to do tasks that don't immediately fit your specific area of interest.

In addition, trainees will be invited to observe church leaders (Elders and Deacons) meetings as an insight into the dynamics of church leadership.

Dates

This is a 1-year programme. Start date: beginning of September

End date: Minimum end of June (43 weeks). Maximum end of August (52 weeks).

The MMTS runs for 30 weeks in 3 terms. Crosslands also starts in September.

You will be entitled to 28 days of annual leave per year, taken in 1-week blocks.

What kind of person are we looking for?

The role would suit:

- Someone who wants to take a year out after university to serve in the local church to build experience and discipleship before pursuing a career.
- Someone who is exploring a call to some kind of Christian ministry and is looking for training and experience before pursuing a specific calling.

Essential characteristics:

- A desire to serve Jesus and His Body, the local church.
- A commitment to the centrality of God's word in their own life, and a desire to share and develop that in other people.
- Christian humility that is shown in an eagerness to learn and to wholeheartedly serve in a variety of contexts.

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- A level of Christian maturity that would enable a trainee to meet with others and lead them in a basic Bible study and manage basic pastoral issues.
- Someone who can work in a team alongside other church members.
- You need to be at least 18 years old, but there is no upper age limit.

You would need to agree to our doctrinal basis and join our church membership for the duration of the scheme. You would also need to have an enhanced DBS check.

Finance

The “Service” part of the role (24 hours/week) is paid at the prevailing National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage rates, depending on your age. A statutory workplace pension is provided. We would expect you to do the training (which we will pay for entirely, including all travel costs) in your own time.

Expenses for two conferences, plus a book allowance of £150 is provided.

Trainees are not expected to fundraise any part of their wages but of course you are free to spend your free time however you wish.

What now?

Feel free to call Pastor Jon Mason on 0750 200 4611 for an informal chat. If you wish to apply, fill out the attached application form and email it to jon@park-church.uk. There is no closing date for applications, but we have a maximum of two places, so apply early to avoid missing out.

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Application Form

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

When and how did you become a Christian?

How do you think you have grown as a Christian in the last 5 years?

What would you say are your main gifts and strengths? What opportunities have you had to use these?

What do you find difficult?

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Why would you like to be considered as a ministry trainee?

How do you think you would benefit from the scheme?

What are your greatest concerns about being part of the scheme?

Please supply details of two people we can give you a reference:

Person #1

- Name:
- How they know you:
- Address:
- Phone number:

Person #2

- Name:
- How they know you:
- Address:
- Phone number:

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