

Ministry Training Scheme

Ministry Trainees 2017/2018



St. Mary's Church, Lutterworth is a growing Evangelical Anglican Church set at the heart of the historic market town of Lutterworth. Our Vision is that we will be "All About Jesus" in all that we do and are: that we will become more like Jesus as we follow him day by day. We are committed to expertly and deeply-applied Bible teaching, as well as supporting and encouraging every-member ministry. We are delighted to offer our Ministry Trainee Scheme as part of our aim to learn and tell the Good News and to train in mission.

We are looking for up to two trainees who can join our closely-knit team of staff and volunteers for a year of discipleship and leadership training in a local church ministry context.

Trainees will be aged 20+, potentially a recent University Graduate (although there is definitely no upper age limit) who would like to commit a year to learn, explore and serve God in the local church and community here in Lutterworth.

Training will be provided one day a week through the Midlands Ministry Training Course (MMTC) in either Nottingham or Birmingham (for more details see www.midlandsgospel.org.uk), through two residential week-long Formation conferences (www.livingleadership.org), supplemented by guided reading, in house training plus additional conferences throughout the year.

Each trainee will spend time each week with their Supervisor; join a Home Group and participate in planning with the Ministry Team and volunteers. They will be able to shadow Team leaders and experience a wide range of ministries, developing their own areas of strength and gifting. They will also be expected to spend some time participating and helping as a normal church member with various activities, including Discipleship, Outreach, Children and Youth work, Administration, Media, Pastoral Care and, when ready, leading services and preaching:

- Children's and Youth Ministry: Every week we have Little Acorns which is a very busy toddler group. There are other Sunday and mid-week children's and youth activities as well as our Drop-In Youth club. There are over 3,000 Children and Young People educated in our local schools and trainees could be involved in delivering assemblies, lunchtime groups, RE lessons and one off events throughout the year.
- Experience: Trainees will experience and learn about delivering a wide range of different styles of church services. Our services range from traditional Book of Common Prayer to FourThirty our Contemporary

Afternoon Service, from small Bible studies to large civic services for the Town, as well as weddings and funerals.

- Events and Courses: trainees can join in our programme of courses such as Christianity Explored, Marriage & Parenting courses, or be involved with us in events such as the Carnival, Christmas Lights Switch On, Autumnwatch, Festival of Archaeology etc.
- Wider Opportunities: We have two village churches linked to our Church, where there are other opportunities to serve.
- Pastoral Work: Trainees can also see how our Pastoral Team work with all different ages: visiting, caring, praying, chatting: with visitors to the church or visiting people in their own homes or in Residential Care Homes. Our "Friendship in Loss" Team cares for the bereaved and our Foodbank helps the needy.

Further Details: Housing and food will be provided by a church family. A bursary of £50 per week is available to trainees, and travel expenses, training and conference fees will all be covered by the church. The year will run from 30 August. In term time approximately three days a week will be focussed on training and two days a week on voluntary activities with a reduced schedule/time off in school holidays. There will be some flexibility and details will be worked out with each individual trainee.

What are we looking for in a trainee?

The essential qualification is a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and to be seeking to follow him in all areas of life. We want to train people who will be **faithful** to God, his Word and his people, who will be **holy** in prayerfulness, personal Bible study and family life, who will be **humble** - willing to be changed by God's Word and to be ready to carry out even unglamorous tasks – and who will be committed to **teamwork**, co-operating with and supporting others in their ministry, loyalty and submission to leaders and a common goal.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please get in touch for an informal chat.

Contact Phil Moore, Assistant Minister on phil.moore@lutterworthchurch.org or 07823 779151. To apply download the Application form here:

Applicants will be invited to visit the church and have an informal interview. References will be taken for successful applicants and it is a requirement that trainees undergo a full DBS check before appointment.