

FURTHER INFORMATION

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SWGPs Ministry Training Course,
St Bartholomew's Church, 1 King Edward Road,
Oldfield Park, Bath BA2 3PB

Our Taster Day takes place on 7th March 2024 – see www.swgp.org.uk/mtc for further details.

COURSE FEES

The course costs £230 per term.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2024

26 Sep – 5 Dec HALF TERM 31 OCT

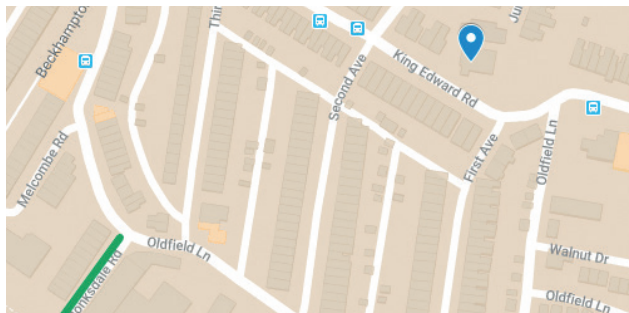
Spring Term 2025

16 Jan – 27 Mar HALF TERM 20 FEB

Summer Term 2025

24 Apr – 3 Jul HALF TERM 29 MAY

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The course runs at St Bart's Church, Bath.

Nearest stations are Oldfield Park (7 mins walk) or Bath Spa (15 mins walk or No. 8 bus to Second Ave). Parking outside St Bart's is now part of a Resident's Permit zone, but there are spaces on Monksdale Road, a short walk away. We will provide further information about parking options nearer the time. For more see: swgp.org.uk/parking-at-st-barts

"What an absolute privilege to be able to participate in this course. Great teaching, great fellowship and great 'rocky road' cakes in coffee breaks. My eyes have been opened anew to the wonders of God's Word. Thank you!"

Catherine Haddow

North Bradley Baptist Church

"The teaching is such a great mix – broad, deep, thorough, practical – and all in a very warm and engaging style."

Jimmy Thomas

Widcombe Baptist Church, Bath

"MTC has been extremely valuable in equipping and preparing me for ministry in the church. It has helped me develop my Bible knowledge and learn how to put that knowledge into action. I would recommend MTC for anyone looking to serve the Lord and His church in a greater way."

Chris Browne

Bradford-on-Avon Community Church

"The course is excellent – it unlocks more of the treasure of God's word and is also intensely practical, enabling us to apply and teach the Bible more effectively."

Eleanor Hodges

Ministry Apprentice, Headley Park, Bristol

"An amazing time of learning, growth, fellowship and encouragement in Him. I would heartily recommend."

David Angelinetta

Calne Free Church



South West
Gospel Partnership

Ministry Training Course 2024-2025

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 **Ministry
Training Course**

The South West Gospel Partnership (SWGPP) Ministry Training Course is a one-day-a-week course for those who want to understand the Bible better and be equipped to teach it to others. We recognise the vital need in today's church to equip all believers for works of ministry and to develop the next generation of Bible teachers who will faithfully pass on the Word of God.

The course runs every Thursday, from 9.25am to 3.30pm at St. Bartholomew's Church, Bath for 3 ten week terms and costs £230 per term. The next course begins September 2024. There is an optional second year which builds on what is learnt in the first year.

WHO IS IT FOR?

The SWGP Ministry Training Course is for any Christian who has a desire to grow in their faith and be equipped to pass on the Bible's message to others. We have a wonderful variety of people on the course, ranging from gap-year students, working people, right through to those in retirement. It's ideal for anyone in ministry, whether as a trainee, apprentice or occasional preacher, if you're working with youth, children or students, whether leading a homegroup or involved in women's ministry. The course will teach you how to handle God's Word and pass it on to others.

The course is open to men and women with evangelical convictions who want to be trained to serve in ministry. Applicants will be expected to have the support of their home church.



WHAT IS COVERED?

Each week is divided into four main sessions (with an optional extra at the end of the day):

Bible Overview - looking at how God's Word fits together from Genesis to Revelation. We study a different biblical book each week and students are encouraged to prepare by reading through the book beforehand.

Expositions - in-depth study of 6 Bible books from different genres, showing how to teach and apply them in the 21st century. In 2023-24 we are focusing on Exodus, Judges, Job, Mark, Acts, and 1 Corinthians.

Gospel Ministry - practical training from a range of experienced pastors and Bible teachers. Subjects include Christian Leadership, Giving Talks, Personal Evangelism, Church Planting, World Mission and Apologetics.

Workshops - a chance to gain experience in giving talks and leading Bible studies with feedback from ministers and preachers. After preparing passages in the first term, students practise giving talks or leading Bible studies in a group setting.

Hebrew (optional) - we learn Biblical Hebrew from scratch in an accessible and fun way, learning key words, basic grammar, memorising Bible verses and eventually reading through the book of Jonah.

We also have an optional **British Museum Trip**, seeing how archaeology supports the Bible and gives insight into the background of biblical events.

WHAT DOES A NORMAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

9.25-10.00	Prayer & Praise
10.00-11.05	Bible Overview
11.05-11.20	Coffee
11.20-12.30	Expositions
12.30-1.15	Lunch
1.15-2.15	Gospel Ministry
2.15-2.30	Coffee
2.30-3.30	Workshops
3.35-4.25	Hebrew (OPTIONAL)



WHO TEACHES ON THE COURSE?



Charlie Ward is the Course Director. He studied at Oak Hill College before becoming Assistant Minister at St Bart's in Bath in 2006. He teaches Bible Overview, Church History, Hebrew and a range of other subjects on the course.

Other speakers who often teach on the course include:

Ad Taylor-Weekes Emmanuel Bath | WORKSHOPS

Bruce Rossington Kensington Baptist | WORLD MISSION

Celia Ford Bath | APOLOGETICS

Doug Johnson Yeovil | JOB, JOSHUA

Ed Moll St George's Wembdon
PREPARING AND LEADING GROUP BIBLE STUDIES, HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE, GIVING A BIBLE TALK, MATTHEW

Ian Lewis Bath
ACTS, GENESIS 1-11, POSTMODERNISM, PRINCIPLES OF EXPOSITION

Jonty Frith St Nicholas' Bathampton
READING THE BIBLE 1-1, WORKSHOPS

Katie Fitzgerald Biblical Counselling UK, Bath
INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELLING

Neil Todman Headley Park Church, Bristol
CHURCH-PLANTING, 1 CORINTHIANS, LEADERSHIP

Rupert Bentley-Taylor Bath | ISAIAH, JUDGES

Spencer Shaw Emmanuel Chippenham | EXODUS, HEBREWS

Tom Heasman Widcombe Baptist | EVANGELISTIC CULTURE

Tom Underhill Emmanuel Bath
DOCTRINE, MARK, EMOTIONS IN CHRISTIAN LIFE AND MINISTRY