



mission shaped ministry

equipping you to plant and sustain
fresh expressions of church

You are invited to share a one-year learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church

Stoke on Trent

From October 2010



“The greatest benefit of the course is its practical side and the chance to talk through issues relevant to your situation.”

*Leanne Corlett,
course participant*



Who is it for?

- Those exploring ideas for fresh expressions of church;
- Experienced pioneers who want to reflect on what they are doing;
- Christians who want their churches to be more effective in mission;
- All denominations, traditions and ages;
- Urban, suburban and rural contexts.

What will you learn?

- How to begin, sustain and grow a fresh expression of church;
- Qualities of Christian ministry;
- Listening to God in your context.

Features of the course

- Designed for busy Christians;
- Delivered ecumenically;
- Local and national teachers;
- Reflection on your context and story;
- Varied learning styles and resources;
- Coaching, mentoring, learning networks;
- An online guide to fresh expressions.

Modules include

- Mission context;
- The mission of God;
- Vision and call;
- Values;
- Preparation for mission;
- Listening for mission;
- What is church?
- Gospel and culture;
- Team roles and behaviour;
- Leadership;
- Spirituality;
- Discipleship;
- Children and all-age;
- Evangelism;
- Lessons from weaknesses;
- Handling setbacks and failure;
- Small group church;
- Worship and the sacraments.

Your local course

The Lichfield Diocese, Chester and Stoke on Trent Methodist District and United Reformed Church are delighted to make *msm* available locally. We believe it will be a significant resource for building the Kingdom of God in this area.

Individuals are most welcome, but we particularly hope that small groups from a church or fresh expression will come as this will deepen the impact of the course.

Course leaders are Paul Howard, David Syson and John Titlow. Teachers include Graham Cray, Andrew Roberts, Evan Cockshaw, Ashley Cooper, Mark Berry and George Fisher.

Course timetable and venue

Saturday 9th October 2010
Thursday 11th November 2010
Thursday 9th December 2010
Saturday 22nd January 2011
Thursday 17th February 2011
Friday 18th - Sunday 20th March 2011
Thursday 7th April 2011
Thursday 19th May 2011
Thursday 16th June 2011
Saturday 9th July 2011

Saturdays run from 9.30am to 4.30pm at The Bridge Centre, Birches Head Road, Stoke on Trent, ST2 8DD.

Thursdays run from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the same venue.

Cost

£295 per person, which covers all materials, refreshments and the weekend away. Financial support may be available.

Contact

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Booking form

Please complete and return to:

Anne Riddle, Course Administrator, 30 Lionel Grove, Harpfields, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST4 6RW

Title: Rev Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel no: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Denomination/Stream: _____

Local Church: _____

Do you have any special needs we need to be aware of?

Method of Payment:

- Cheque (*please make cheque for £295 payable to LDBF*)
- Standing order (*Four instalments, details will be sent by return.*)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommendations

“It was a great place to listen and learn and share - a safe space that gave confidence to work in new ways in the future - a great resource.” *Revd Neil Adams*

“I nearly didn’t sign up for the course because I thought I would have ‘heard it all before’ but the teaching was excellent and of course you learnt as much from other participants from other churches and other denominations.” *Revd Paul Howard*



“The next big step in taking fresh expressions of church forward is making the right kind of training available in every part of the country. The course is making a major contribution here and I’m delighted to commend it.” *Archbishop Rowan Williams*



*Alan Olley/
Scope Features*

“Ideal for all those wanting to embrace new ways of being church in a practical way and vital for those already engaged in fresh expressions.” *Diane Louise Jordan, Presenter, Songs of Praise*



“I wholeheartedly recommend this course, designed to equip all God’s people for the task of establishing authentic and effective Church for this and future generations.” *Stuart Bell, Leader, Ground Level Network*



“More and more Christian people are being led by God to plant, sustain and lead fresh expressions of church. The course is a crucial means by which the Holy Spirit is preparing them for this calling. Go for it!” *Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, Methodist General Secretary*

The course partnership

