

Ministry Trainee Scheme

Who is the scheme designed for?

- The scheme is suitable for Christians with evangelical convictions who want to be better equipped for the work of building Christ's church.
- Our priority is to train people hoping to serve in teaching/training/leadership positions of various kinds in local churches – only *some* of which will be full-time or paid positions.
- Trainees should be keen to serve in whatever ways required by the on-going ministry of Christ Church Fulwood, both in taking responsibilities and in fulfilling tasks around the church.

The scheme works in 3 parts

1. Training

Bible Training Yorkshire

Bible Training Yorkshire is part of the Ministry Trainee Scheme at Christ Church Fulwood. The course is designed to equip people to teach the Bible. Our aim is for God's purposeful speech in the Bible to be faithfully communicated in local church contexts.

Each term we study two whole books of the Bible – one Old Testament book and one New Testament book. Students are taught from the outset how to move appropriately between the 'big picture' of a book and the fine detail of particular passages. The two year course covers all major biblical genres.

Each student is expected to make 3-6 presentations across the year, 1-2 per term, either giving a talk or leading a Bible study.

Bible Training Yorkshire takes place on Thursdays, for ten weeks a term, three terms a year. The day runs from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Conferences

Trainees are also funded to attend the 9:38's Maximise Conference in their first year, and one other conference. (Second year trainees may choose conferences in consultation with their supervisors).

2. Ministry Experience

Each Ministry Trainee will be attached to a specific area of ministry. However there is

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scope to be involved in some other areas of ministry as well.
When you apply, please indicate you area(s) of experience and interest.

3. Service

Ministry Trainees normally assist the church with a variety of administrative tasks outside their ministry area –e.g. room setup, office work, administrative support for staff, crèche and audio visual support. On average this occupies 8 hours per week.

Funding

The scheme is a 1 to 2 year training programme (running from September to August).

- Each trainee will receive a grant of £10,800 per annum (HMRC has approved the payment of a tax- and National Insurance- free grant).
- Each trainee will be accepted onto the scheme on the basis that they will seek funding of half the value of the grant, payable to Fulwood PCC.
- There is also a book allowance of £75 per annum. Christ Church Fulwood will pay for attendance at two conferences, including the 9:38's Maximise Conference in the first year.
- If needed, we will provide assistance in identifying suitable accommodation from within the church family.

Raising financial and prayer support is an important part of Christian ministry; a great encouragement to those who receive the support and an even greater blessing to those who give (see Acts 20:35). Participants of the Ministry Trainee Scheme are responsible for arranging their own financial and prayer support, but we recognise this can be a challenge and we provide advice and support in doing this.

Time off and holidays

- Saturdays plus one half-day off midweek
- Holidays – five weeks, plus one additional weekend a term and one additional week in the summer for an external ministry opportunity, e.g. serving on a summer camp, or conference.

Applications

Please send your completed application form to Rob Mullock at Christ Church Fulwood, Canterbury Avenue, Sheffield S10 3RT, or alternatively, email robmullock@fulwoodchurch.co.uk. The deadline for applications is 14th January 2024, but we encourage applicants to send them as soon as they can. An interview will take place following the receipt of applications on the 28th January 2024.