

Ministry Training Scheme Training Programme Overview

As part of our training programme we run a weekly in-house training day. There are three main tracks to the day, which run throughout the year.

Bible handling and Bible teaching (9:30-11:00)

Christian doctrine (11:30-13:00)

Christian leadership and ministry Issues (14:00-15:15)

Although the Ministry Training Scheme minister is responsible for organising the programme, they are not expected to lead or teach at all three sessions each week. In 2019/20 about 1/2 of the sessions were delivered by guest speakers or other members of the ministry team.

Bible handling and Bible teaching

Our aim in this track is to help trainees develop faithful Bible reading and interpretive skills. We also want to grow them in faithful, engaging Bible teaching. Over the year we look at three different books of the Bible (2 Timothy or Titus, an OT book and one additional NT book). This also includes sessions on how to read and teach the Bible at the start of the year.

Core Christian Doctrine

During the course of the year we cover core Christian doctrines. Our aim is to develop the theological thinking of the trainees but we also look at how these truths impact our Christian living. The doctrines we cover include:

Revelation

Scripture

The Triune God

The attributes of God

The Person and Work of Christ

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Creation

Fall

Redemption History in the Old Testament

Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus

Union with Christ

The results of the Gospel (with special emphasis on justification and adoption)

Return of Christ, judgement and New Creation

The Church and the mission of the Church

Christian Leadership and Ministry Issues

In this track we cover a wide range of topics, including some practical ministry training. Our aim is to grow trainees in both gospel leadership and gospel ministry, but with an emphasis on growing the character and spiritual life of the trainees. Topics include:

The character and spiritual life of a leader

The nature of Christian ministry and discipleship

Evangelism

Pastoral care

Developing a Christian worldview

Contemporary Issues including sexuality