



FOUR COUNTIES

Ministry Training Course

Handling God's word in today's world



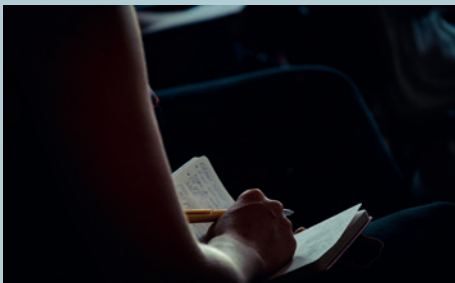
Why?

We want tens of thousands of men, women and children across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire

to hear and receive the good news of Jesus and discover eternal life.

We long to see healthy local churches throughout the Four Counties: congregations where God's living Word is taught and proclaimed, and where people trust and treasure Christ, serve God single-mindedly, and turn outwards in love with the message of the gospel.

We know how God works in power: by his Holy Spirit- through his living and active Word - taught faithfully, passionately and clearly. That's why 4CMTC exists!



Who is it for?

4CMTC is for men and women of all ages from all denominations and church groups, who want to grow in their ability to understand and teach the Bible.

Whether from the pulpit, in a small group or a children's or youth group, or in a more informal setting. Some students work for churches, others are working people who take time off to do the course, others are retired.

No qualifications are needed, except a desire to learn and grow!

4CMTC runs on Thursdays, 10am–4pm, for three ten-week terms between September and July. It takes place at Christ Church, Bedford and is easily accessible from Bedford bus and train stations.

The course is taught through a mix of lectures, discussions and small group work, and includes the following elements:

01. Bible Overview

Tracing through the Bible's unfolding storyline, which finds its climax in Jesus Christ. This detailed Bible overview shows how Genesis to Revelation fits together, and enables us to interpret individual passages within their biblical context.

02. Bible Handling Skills

Through lectures on how to understand, apply and teach the Bible generally, students are given the tools to handle the Bible well.

03. Core Doctrines

Exploring key doctrines of the Christian faith - such as the person and work of Christ, salvation, the church and eschatology - gives us greater confidence in the truth of what we believe.

04. Practical Ministry

Pastoral and practical ministry sessions help equip us for real-life ministry. We consider pastoral counselling, sexual ethics, evangelism, and think through ministry to children and youth.

05. Hands-on Practice

The last session most weeks is in small groups. Here, in a supportive group, students get the chance to put into practice what they have been learning in understanding the Bible, applying the Bible, leading a Bible study and/or giving a short Bible talk.

One or two students will prepare to present each week, and then the small group and an experienced Bible teacher provide encouragement and help to sharpen up these skills.



Who are we?

4CMTC is run in partnership with, and supported by, the TEAM training course in Cambridge and the East Anglia Gospel Partnership.

The 4CMTC steering group includes:



Peter Ackroyd, St Mary's Church, Wootton // Martyn Hallett, St Neots Evangelical Church // James Isaacs, All Saints Church, Riseley // Gareth Mitchell, Christ Church Dunstable // Martin Salter, Grace Community Church, Bedford // Sarah Vickers, ChristChurch, Harpenden

Cost



4CMTC costs £200 per term.

This covers all course materials and refreshments, but not lunch!

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For more information, and how to apply see: eagp.org.uk/four-counties

COVID 19 It is our intention to run this course on a face to face basis from September 2021, however, we will be monitoring government guidelines closely and will be in touch with those who have registered if the situation changes.

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