

From September 2018,
the SUSSEX GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP
SATURDAY MORNING
BIBLE TRAINING COURSE
WILL BE RUNNING IN CHICHESTER.

This two-year course includes the core elements of year one of the SGP's established and successful, mid-week course, the Sussex Ministry Training Course (SMTC). Sessions will be monthly from September to July each year.

WHY A BIBLE TRAINING COURSE?

When the Bible is taught, the Spirit of God uses the word of God to save the lost and build up the church. That is why training and equipping people to 'rightly handle the word of truth' is essential to the health and growth of today's church. In a great variety of contexts, not only from the pulpit, but in Sunday school, youth group and home group, one-to-one, in homes and in public we need people who can confidently teach God's word.

WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED?

The course will include the following:

Bible Overview Travelling from Genesis to Revelation, we will get a bird's eye view of the Bible. Not only is it exciting and informative to see how it all fits together from Creation to New Creation, but it provides a vital foundation for a fuller understanding of the individual parts of the Bible.

Christian Doctrine This is where we will put all the parts together in a different way by seeing what the Bible teaches about a number of basic themes. We will look at a range of topics including the Word of God, the person of Christ, his death and resurrection, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Principles of Bible Study and Teaching This will be a very practical part of the course in which we will learn how to understand and teach different parts of the Bible.

Bible Books We will study at least three books in depth as worked examples of biblical interpretation.

Hands-On Training In small groups, students will have an opportunity to give a short talk on a set Bible passage and receive encouragement and feedback. The talk can be aimed at adults, young people or children. This experience is usually very helpful for everyone from the complete novice to the seasoned Bible teacher.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

We welcome men and women of all ages who love the Lord Jesus, who believe the whole Bible is the trustworthy Word of God and want to be equipped to share its life-giving message in one context or another. It is ideal for people such as Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders, home group leaders, occasional preachers, as well as those involved in pastoral work and one-to-one ministries. The course is designed to help anyone gain a deeper understanding of the Bible and become more confident in teaching it to others.

WHO LEADS THE COURSE?

The course is led by Nick McQuaker and Jon Hobbs.



Nick is Director of Training and Development for the SGP and one of the Pastors at Christ Church, Haywards Heath. For many years, he has been involved in training others to teach the Bible both in the UK and overseas.



Jon is the SGP's Associate Trainer. Following eight years of parish church ministry, he now leads Grace Church, Haywards Heath, alongside his role with the SGP, teaching on the training courses and speaking at training events.



VENUE AND DATES

The course will be held at *St Pancras Church, 101 St Pancras, Chichester, PO19 7LJ*.

A few free parking spaces (5 minutes' walk from the church) will be available by arrangement. Otherwise parking is available in nearby public car parks. The church is a 12 minute walk from Chichester train station.

We will meet from 9:30am to 1pm on the following Saturdays:

2018: 22 Sep, 20 Oct, 24 Nov, 15 Dec

2019: 12 Jan, 09 Feb, 16 Mar, 27 Apr, 18 May, 15 Jun, 20 Jul

The dates for 2019-20 are yet to be arranged.

(If you miss a morning, you will normally be able to catch up by listening on-line to recordings of the lectures.)

FEES

The fees for the full course will be £190 per year, payable in three installments each year (i.e. £380 for the whole two-year course). This includes the cost of all handouts and refreshments.

HOW TO APPLY

To find out more about this course and/or other courses run by the SGP, or request an application form, please contact:

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