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From
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Saturday Morning
BIBLE
TRAINING COURSE

Crawley, West Sussex

Equipping Christians for
Bible-Centred Ministry

From September 2024 the Sussex Gospel Partnership Saturday Morning Bible Training Course will be running in Crawley, West Sussex.

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 (SMTTC). 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 the Word of God.

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

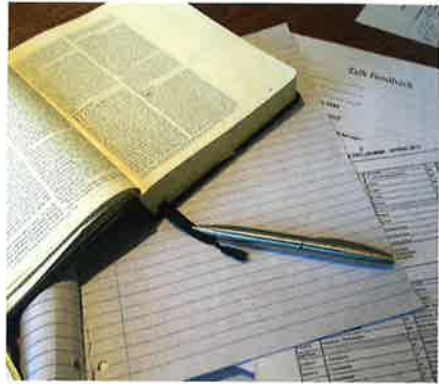
We will study at least three books in depth as worked examples of biblical interpretation.

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 particularly 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 currently led by Jon Hobbs.



Jon Hobbs

Jon is the SGP's Trainer. He has been in church leadership for over twenty years and serves as the minister of Grace Church, Haywards Heath, alongside his role with the SGP, teaching on the training courses and speaking at training events.

Many other experienced ministers and church workers from throughout the Sussex Gospel Partnership also speak regularly on the course.



"I can't believe how many 'light bulb' moments I have had. If you want to get to know the Bible better and make sense of it as a whole, then this course is for you. The teaching and interaction with fellow students is incredible, making it a memorable experience. God's grace and mercy is present throughout the course."

Martine, charity shop manager

"Jon shares not just with great wisdom and knowledge but also with real patience and understanding. We really feel the lecturers want to help us grow, to inspire us to deeper worship and to equip us to serve our church family. Not just for group leaders and teachers. I wish my whole church could do this course!"

Andrew, engineer

"The workshop groups provide an opportunity to apply the learning from earlier sessions and have made me think more carefully about the context and reason that the passages were written. The group work is relaxed and builds confidence around 'having a go' at giving a short talk. It has been one of the real highlights of the course for me. It is really making me think."

Sandra, retired teacher

Venue & Dates

The course will be held at St Andrew's Church, Weald Drive, Furnace Green, Crawley, RH10 6NU.

Parking is available on site. You can walk from Three Bridges train station in approx 18 mins. It may be possible for us to arrange lifts with course participants.

In Year 1, we will meet from 9.30am to 1pm on the following Saturdays:

2024: 28 Sep, 26 Oct, 23 Nov, 14 Dec
2025: 11 Jan, 8 Feb, 8 Mar, 26 Apr, 24 May,
14 Jun, 12 Jul

Students will be notified of the dates for the 2nd year (2025-26) in good time.

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



Fees

The fees are £85 per term (£510 for the whole two-year course, over six terms).

Bursaries are available for those on a lower income if your church is unable to contribute to the fees.

How to Apply

Apply online at forms.sussexgospelpartnership.org.uk/smbtc

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

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