



Ministry Trainee Scheme

What it's all about?

We as a church are committed to developing and training people and ministry.

We want to train people with a heart for the gospel, a passion to teach the Bible and to serve Christ in the future.

We are looking for Christians who want to serve God and further the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In particular, we are looking for people who are

- Gospel focused and servant-hearted.
- Committed to developing their understanding and handling of God's word.
- Keen to share their faith and learn better how to communicate the gospel to those who as yet do not know the Lord.

What is Widcombe like?

Widcombe Baptist Church is an independent church affiliated to the FIEC with about 290 members. It is situated close to the centre of Bath, which has two universities. We have a diverse group of around 400 people meeting together on Sunday morning, spread right across the age range and from a number of countries.

More information can be viewed on our website widcombebaptist.org

How is the time on the scheme spent?

Time will be divided between teaching input, ministry experience, and practical service:

Teaching input including:

Formal training through attending the South West Gospel Partnership Ministry Training Course one day per week. Alongside this there will be seminars with both Pastors and studies with a nominated individual each week.

Ministry experience:

There are many ministry opportunities at Widcombe; as a trainee you might have the opportunity to be involved in one or more ministry areas including:

- Working with international students
- Student work
- Children/Youth work
- Evangelism
- Biblical Counselling
- Men/Women's Ministry
- Music Ministry

Practical service

Includes involvement in practical tasks to assist in the smooth running of the church such as set up for activities.

How is the scheme financed?

The church pays for accommodation and contributes £1800pa (12 months) towards living costs and each Trainee is expected to raise additional personal support of around £2000pa. In addition, the church also pays for the SWGP Training Scheme, study books and agreed travel costs.

When does the scheme run?

The scheme starts in September and finishes in July after either one or two years. We encourage people to consider doing the scheme for two years as this allows greater development of your ministry gifts, especially in the second year where we are able to make the programme more bespoke having worked with you for a year.

How do I apply?

You will need to complete an application form before January 31st. Interviews will take place following this.

Further information and Application Forms are available from the Operations Manager, Becky Thomas becky.thomas@widcombe.org