



mission shaped ministry

equipping you to plant and sustain
fresh expressions of church

You are invited to share a one-year learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church

Kent and South East

From September 2010



“The greatest benefit of the course is its practical side and the chance to talk through issues relevant to your situation.”

*Leanne Corlett,
course participant*



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Who is it for?

- Those exploring ideas for fresh expressions of church;
- Experienced pioneers who want to reflect on what they are doing;
- Christians who want their churches to be more effective in mission;
- All denominations, traditions and ages;
- Urban, suburban and rural contexts.

What will you learn?

- How to begin, sustain and grow a fresh expression of church;
- Qualities of Christian ministry;
- Listening to God in your context.

Features of the course

- Designed for busy Christians;
- Delivered ecumenically;
- Local and national teachers;
- Reflection on your context and story;
- Varied learning styles and resources;
- Coaching, mentoring, learning networks;
- An online guide to fresh expressions.

Modules include

- Mission context;
- The mission of God;
- Vision and call;
- Values;
- Preparation for mission;
- Listening for mission;
- What is church?
- Gospel and culture;
- Team roles and behaviour;
- Leadership;
- Spirituality;
- Discipleship;
- Children and all-age;
- Evangelism;
- Lessons from weaknesses;
- Handling setbacks and failure;
- Small group church;
- Worship and the sacraments.

Your local course

The Rochester and Canterbury Dioceses, South East District of the Methodist Church, URC, Baptist Church and Salvation Army are delighted to make *msm* available locally. We believe it will be a significant resource for building the Kingdom of God in this area.

Individuals are most welcome, but we particularly hope that small groups from a church or fresh expression will come as this will deepen the impact of the course.

Course timetable and venue

Saturday 11th September 2010
Tues 19th or Thurs 21st October 2010
Tues 16th or Thurs 18th November 2010
Tues 7th or Thurs 9th December 2010
Tues 18th or Thurs 20th January 2011
Tues 15th or Thurs 17th February 2011
Friday 25th -Sunday 27th March 2011
Tues 12th or Thurs 14th April 2011
Saturday 21st May 2011
Tues 14th or Thurs 16th June 2011
Tues 12th or Thurs 14th July 2011

Saturdays: 09.30-15.30, The Brassey Centre, St Peter & St Paul, Station Road, Aylesford, ME20 7QR (Sept) and St Justus Church, The Fairway, Rochester, ME1 2LT (May).

Weekdays: 19.30-22.00, St Paul's, Boxley Road, Maidstone, ME14 2AN (Tuesdays) or Christ Church, Charterhouse Road, Orpington, BR6 9EP (Thursdays).

Residential: The Emmaus Centre, Layhams Road, West Wickham, Kent, BR4 9QJ.

Cost

£250 per person, which covers all materials, refreshments and the weekend away.

Contact

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Booking form

Please complete and return to:

Carol Evans, Prebendal House, Kings Orchard, Rochester, ME1 1TG

Title: Rev Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel no: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Denomination/Stream: _____

Local Church: _____

Do you have any special needs we need to be aware of?

Which group will you attend?: Tuesday (Maidstone) / Thursday (Orpington)

Method of Payment:

Please enclose a deposit cheque for £40 payable to Rochester DBF and indicate your preference for paying the balance:

Deposit and full balance (*balance of £210 payable at the course start.*)

Deposit and three instalments (*instalments payable of £70 per term.*)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommendations

“The *mission shaped ministry* course provides ordinary parishes with an excellent tool to help people to review the mission in their local situation and to discern where God might be calling them to engage with the many thousands of people who do not yet encounter the Christian faith.

It helps Christians to start up and develop further appropriate fresh expressions of church in their locality.

I highly commend this course, which is being delivered in partnership with other denominations. I encourage you to take the opportunities provided by this course: send people on it; attend yourself; discern where God’s Spirit is working and join in.” *Rt Rev Dr Brian Castle, Bishop of Tonbridge*



“The next big step in taking fresh expressions of church forward is making the right kind of training available in every part of the country. The course is making a major contribution here and I’m delighted to commend it.” *Archbishop Rowan Williams*



“Ideal for all those wanting to embrace new ways of being church in a practical way and vital for those already engaged in fresh expressions.” *Diane Louise Jordan, Presenter, Songs of Praise*

Alan Olley/
Scope Features



“I wholeheartedly recommend this course, designed to equip all God’s people for the task of establishing authentic and effective Church for this and future generations.” *Stuart Bell, Leader, Ground Level Network*



“More and more Christian people are being led by God to plant, sustain and lead fresh expressions of church. The course is a crucial means by which the Holy Spirit is preparing them for this calling. Go for it!” *Revd Dr Martyn Atkins, Methodist General Secretary*



The course partnership

