



# 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

## Lincolnshire

From October 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

Ground Level, the Diocese of Lincoln, the Lincoln and Grimsby Methodist District and Lincolnshire FEAST 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 will come as this will deepen the impact of the course.

## Course timetable and venues

Saturday 2nd October 2010  
Weds 13th or Thursday 14th October 2010  
Friday-Sunday 12th-14th November 2010  
Weds 8th or Thursday 9th December 2010  
Weds 19th or Thursday 20th January 2011  
Weds 16th or Thursday 17th February 2011  
Saturday 19th March 2011  
Weds 11th or Thursday 12th May 2011  
Weds 8th or Thursday 9th June 2011  
Saturday 9th July 2011

**Saturdays** run from 9.30am to 4.30pm

**Weeknights** run from 7.45pm to 10.00pm

**Wednesdays** will be held at New Life Centre, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, NG34 7JP.

**Thursdays** will be held at Brigg Methodist Church, Wesley Road, Brigg, DN20 8TR.

**Saturdays** will be at The Brayford Suite, New Life, Newland, Lincoln, LN1 1XD.

**Residential Weekend** will be at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, DE55 1AU.

## Cost

£275 per person, which covers all materials, refreshments and the weekend away. Financial support may be available.

## Contact

Kath Atkins, Course Administrator  
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[freshexpressions.org.uk](http://freshexpressions.org.uk)  
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## Booking form

Please complete and return to:

Kath Atkins, Course Administrator  
53 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, LN2 2RW

Title: Rev Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination/Stream: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs we need to be aware of?  
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### Method of Payment:

- Cheque (*please make cheque for £275 payable to Ground Level*)
- Standing order (*ten instalments, forms available on the first day*)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendations

“In a region where communities are growing fast - and changing even faster - we need to be alert to new ways for the Church to be present where people live, work and play. The *mission shaped ministry* course is an example of high quality, ecumenical co-operation for the building of God's Kingdom.” *Rt Rev Dr John Saxbee, Bishop of Lincoln*

“Our District is strongly committed to the *mission shaped ministry* course and sees it as an integral part of our wholehearted focus upon mission and fresh expressions. We gladly offer to pay for two people from each circuit in the District to attend each year and with consistently excellent feedback from our participants the course is fantastically worthwhile. I cannot recommend it highly enough.” *Rev Dr David Perry, Lincoln and Grimsby Methodist District Chair*



“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

