



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

North 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 Church of England, Methodist, Baptist and Free Churches in the North East 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.

The course leader is Elaine Lindridge, Evangelism Enabler for the Newcastle Methodist District and there are a mix of national and local teachers.

Course timetable and venue

Saturday 18th September 2010
Wednesday 29th September 2010
Wednesday 20th October 2010
Wednesday 10th November 2010
Wednesday 8th December 2010
Saturday 8th January 2011
Wednesday 9th February 2011
Wednesday 16th March 2011
Wednesday 13th April 2011
Residential Weekend: 13th-15th May 2011
Wednesday 15th June 2011
Saturday 9th July 2011

Saturdays run from 9.30am to 4.00pm
Wednesdays run from 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Sessions will be held at Carville Methodist Church, Durham, DH1 1BQ.
Residential weekend will be at Sneaton Castle, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 3QN.

Cost

£300 per person, which covers all materials, refreshments and the weekend away. Financial support may be available.

Contact

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Booking form

Please complete and return to:

Tim Atkins, 5 Railway Terrace, Witton-le-Wear, Bishop Auckland, DL14 0AL.

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?

Method of Payment:

Cheque (*please make cheque for £300 payable to MSM A/c Newcastle Methodist District*)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Recommendations

"I found the *msm* course invaluable as it covered every aspect of planning, commencing, sustaining and evaluating a fresh expression of church. It was not only applicable to those starting or thinking about starting a fresh expression - it also was relevant to those endeavouring to transform existing forms and styles of church. Listening to a wide variety of informed speakers, sharing in small group discussion and hearing stories of others in an ecumenical setting, widened my horizons and understanding. I am sure that anyone who takes part in this course will be blessed, gain in knowledge and be able to see more clearly what God is asking of them as they reach out in His name." *Rev John Singleton, Regional Minister (Mission), Northern Baptist Association*

"Taking time over a year in these 23 sessions was an inspiring and equipping engagement with others in the region, passionate about doing relevant mission, especially in the form of fresh expressions. *msm* offers a practical and interactive course, coaching fresh expressions and their leaders from any church background. I wholeheartedly support and endorse the North East Regional course. Teachers, venue, material are all worthy of encouraging your participation to further God's Kingdom." *Stephen Lindridge, Methodist Connexional Minister, Fresh Expressions*



"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

