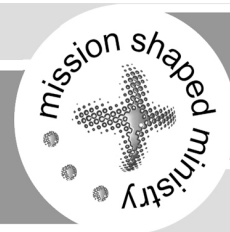




LOCAL INFORMATION Midlands



DATES FOR 2008/2009

We are delighted to make the mission shaped ministry course available in the Midlands to train God's people further in mission. The course is co-sponsored by the dioceses of Coventry, Birmingham, Leicester and Peterborough along with the Methodist districts of Birmingham and Northampton. We believe it will be a significant resource for building the Kingdom of God in the East Midlands. The course has a particular focus on the development of new areas of outreach that engages those outside the reach of traditional church.

This course is designed for laity, clergy and for all trained church leaders. In other words anyone interested in exploring new ways of doing and being church. We particularly hope small groups from a congregation will come as this may well deepen the impact of the course and better equip existing congregations. Some may already be involved in a fresh expression of church, others committed to exploring the idea.

Course teachers include national experts such as Bob and Mary Hopkins and Steve Croft from the Fresh Expressions core team, local leaders and pioneer practitioners.

The Saturdays and Monday evenings will be held in Rugby and the weekend away will be at Hothorpe Hall in Leicestershire.

For more information contact:

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Saturday April 12

Monday 12 May

Monday 9 June

Monday 7 July

Weekend September 12-14

Monday October 20

Monday November 24

Saturday January 17th

Monday February 16

Monday March 16

Saturday April 18

Saturdays run from 9:30am – 4:30pm

Mondays run from 7:30pm – 9:30pm

...both at Rugby Methodist Church, Russelsheim Way, Rugby CV22 7TB

Residential weekend at Hothorpe Hall, Theddingworth, Leicester LE17 6QX

5pm Friday – 4pm Sunday

The cost of £300 covers all materials, refreshments and the residential weekend away.



What leaders say:

The mission shaped ministry course provides vital preparation for ordained and lay people in our diocese to lead effective churches into the 21st century, reaching an ever-changing world with Good News of an ever-loving God.

Rt. Rev. David Urquhart
Bishop of Birmingham

I warmly commend the mission shaped ministry course to those in our diocese. Our diocese is committed to encouraging good fresh expressions, alongside all that is best in traditional church. I have seen for myself the life that they can bring and I hope this course will bring new energies to the task.

Rt. Rev. Tim Stevens
Bishop of Leicester

Mission shaped ministry should be the goal of the whole church, and so this course growing out of the Churches journey in mission and ministry through fresh expressions of the church is a real opportunity to develop thinking and patterns of working. It could be just the moment of refreshment a minister, lay or ordained needs. I hope we will be inundated with applications from our Methodist family.

Rev. Bill Anderson, Chair of
the Birmingham District of
the Methodist Church

If we are to see healthy fresh expressions of church in our diocese, then we need to offer high quality training that is both challenging and invigorating. mission shaped ministry is a proven means of providing such training and I am delighted to commend it.

Rt. Rev. Colin Bennetts
Bishop of Coventry

I am delighted to commend this mission shaped ministry course. It is vital that those who are leading fresh expressions have some theological and practical grounding This course provides a wide variety of experience and knowledge from practitioners and teachers. If you are considering developing new forms of church alongside more traditional models, then I encourage you to sign up for this course with a group from your church. I am also delighted by the ecumenical spirit of Fresh Expressions - particularly the fruitful partnership with the Methodist Church in this venture.

Rt. Rev. Ian Cundy
Bishop of Peterborough



BOOKING FORM

Please complete the details below and return this form to:

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Title: Rev Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel no: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Denomination/Stream: _____

Local Church: _____

Method of Payment: Cheque Standing Order (10 monthly instalments)
(A standing order form will be provided on the first day of the course.)

Please make cheques payable to: **Peterborough Diocesan Board of Finance (P.D.B.F.)**

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