



ST MICHAEL'S
CHESTER SQUARE

MINISTRY TRAINEES

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WHO ARE WE?

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St Michael's is a medium-sized Church of England parish church just a stone's throw from Victoria Station and Buckingham Palace.

We are a congregation of all ages including a thriving children's church full of families with small children, a great mix of young professionals, and many members in their senior years.

As a local parish church we seek to reach out to the community around us in this very mixed part of London.

Many of our congregation live locally but people also come to St Michael's from all around central, south and west London.

Teaching, understanding and obeying the Bible is at the heart of all we stand for as a church, both in discipling one another and in reaching out to those who are not yet Christians.

Our goal is to be a church that is making disciple-making disciples.



THE MINISTRY TRAINEE SCHEME

The scheme runs for two years, with the possibility of a third year for those actively pursuing ordination, and is roughly divided into three equal parts:

- Biblical and Theological Training;
- Teaching and Involvement in Practical Service;
- Ministry Training and Experience.



Trainees are expected to attend The Cornhill Training Course that takes place on one day each week in term time: Mondays in year one, Tuesdays in year two, with the possibility of a further two-days per week third year on Thursdays and Fridays. Preparation and additional study as part of this program are required. The course focuses on learning to understand the Bible, and how to apply it both to our own lives and to our contemporary culture as well as to teach it effectively to others.

Trainees are expected to attend a weekly meeting with one of the clergy to reflect and pray. There will be a combination of work-shadowing and formal sessions focusing on ministry skills, for example, on leading groups, one to one study sessions, planning and leading evangelistic events including helping with the running of Alpha courses, teaching children, youth meetings and activities, planning and leading services, giving talks and leading prayer meetings. Many of the sessions will be practical followed by individual review and feedback.



MINISTRY TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

The trainees' involvement in this part of the scheme will chiefly involve learning by undertaking practical activities and physical tasks that support the running of the church. Setting up for activities, meetings and services within the church buildings, giving office

support by responding to the telephone, and assisting the office staff with general church administration.

Appropriate computer-based, audio/visual and health & safety training are given, including Child Protection, and familiarisation with St Michael's Health and Safety policy.

FINANCE & ACCOMMODATION

The church makes a grant to trainees, currently £7525 pa, to cover their living costs. St Michael's will pay The Cornhill Training Course fees, and for any additional costs incurred in ministry (e.g. travel, or hospitality).

Accommodation is normally provided at no further cost in a house near the church.



For an application form, or if you would like to talk further about being a Ministry Trainee, please contact Guy Axelson at guy@smccs.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 27 April 2020

INTERVIEW & CLOSING DATE