



Situated in south-west Nottingham just a few hundred metres from the University of Nottingham campus, Beeston Free Church is a large community-based church which is focused on serving all ages.

At Beeston Free, we aim to work together to “Glorify God by lives transformed by the Gospel”. We’re convinced that God speaks to us through his Word the Bible and this equips us to serve Him. We therefore place a particular emphasis on studying the Bible together, right across church life.

Nottingham welcomes large numbers of people from around the world to study and work at world class institutions and a wide range of people find their way to our church: to services, Bible studies, evangelistic events, cafes, and other activities.

Beeston Free welcomes around 450 people to its morning and evening services each Sunday at our building on Salthouse Lane. We also have congregation who meet together in Beeston Rylands each Sunday morning. Although around 60 % of our congregation are aged 18-35, we have a wide spread across all age ranges, including active children’s, youth and families work and work among the retired.

Part of the nature of being a church in a large city, close to two universities and a major teaching hospital is the constant turnover of the congregation; around 50% of our congregation are with us for less than five years. We see this as a great opportunity, as people come to and go on from Beeston to many parts of the world. However, it also presents challenges in terms of building teams of people equipped to serve the church body and in terms of caring well for people pastorally.

For further information about the whole range of Beeston Free activities, and the staff team, please visit our website: www.beeston-free.org

Introduction to the schemes

At Beeston Free, one of our key values is 'Loving People' and as part of this value we are committed to developing and training new leaders. We want to entrust God's word to others who can teach others. We are focused not only on the leaders of today but those of tomorrow, equipping people to serve locally, nationally and internationally.

One way we develop and train new leaders is to run both a **full time ministry training scheme** and a **voluntary intern scheme** to train the next generation of gospel workers for our world, through the teaching of Bible handling skills and service.

We are looking for Christians who want to serve God and the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. In particular, we are looking for:

- Christians who are committed to the importance of the Bible's message in their own lives and to helping others come to know God and grow in Him through the message of the Bible.
- Christian maturity and gifts that would enable them to teach the Bible in groups and on a one-to-one basis.
- An eagerness to learn and to serve and a willingness to take on a variety of responsibilities and tasks around the church.
- The ability to work as part of a team, both with the other trainees, and with the rest of the church staff and congregation.

What is the Ministry Training Scheme?

The Ministry Training Scheme is a one or two year full-time training scheme in which trainees serve in and experience church ministry as part of the staff team. It is designed to provide training and practical experience in full time paid Christian ministry. The aim is to provide rigorous discipleship programme in a church context and to help people consider the possibility of some form of Christian ministry in the long term.

What is the Intern Scheme?

The Intern scheme is a one year part time scheme in which interns offer their time to serve in the church. It is designed to offer individuals, of ages and experiences the opportunity to give their time to serve in the church and further develop their Bible handling skills, thus equipping them for serving in the church in the future. Those joining the intern scheme would be expected to commit to offering 10-15 hours per week for a year, to fit with the ministry areas they are involved in and to participate in training opportunities.

Training

We are keen to offer both our ministry trainees and interns the opportunity to receive theological training. Some of these will be 'one-off' training opportunities which will be specific to whichever ministries you are involved in; other, more general training, will be available on a regular and on-going basis.

Midlands Ministry Training Course: All of our ministry trainees may attend MMTC, one day per week; funding is also available for any intern who wishes to join MMTC (in addition to their 10-15 hours per week). MMTC is designed to help people to understand and teach the Bible, so that they will be better equipped to serve in a wide variety of ministries. Further details are available here : www.mmtc.org.uk

Ministry Specific Training: We encourage all trainees and interns to work together with their supervisors to identify training days which will be of benefit to the specific area of ministry being undertaken.

In-house Training: We run regular in-house training sessions for our staff team which all trainees and interns will attend.

Supervision and support

Regular mentoring and discipleship sessions will be an integral part of each trainee or intern's programme. These sessions will encourage reflection on what is being learnt.

Supervision and support will also be provided by ministry area leaders.

Funding

Ministry training scheme

The cost of the scheme is around £10-12K/year including providing a small salary, paying training costs and administration costs. Trainees are expected to raise half of this themselves during the year. Support will be given in raising funds.

Intern Scheme

Those on the intern scheme are expected to be self-funded, either through a part time job or other private income. Funding will be available for all training agreed with the operations manager and the intern's supervisor.

How to apply

- 1 Please ensure you have read all the information on the two schemes.
- 2 We would recommend you arrange an informal discussion with one of our staff before deciding which scheme you would like to apply for.
- 3 Print out a copy of the application form.
- 4 Complete the application form (**please remember to indicate on the form which of the schemes you are applying for**).
- 5 Post the completed application form to:

Beeston Free Church
Salthouse Lane
Beeston
Nottingham
NG9 2FY

You may email your application if you prefer - but please remember to complete all the sections on the form. Email office@beestonfree.net

All forms must be returned as soon as possible and no later than **27th January 2017**

- 6 You will receive an email or letter to inform you if you have been selected for interview or not.
- 7 Interviews will be held in Beeston in mid February.