



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. 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 vision of the church involves planting churches and congregations in our locality; a congregation of Beeston Free, known as Rylands Community Church, meet in a school in Beeston Rylands with around 80 people each week.

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 scheme

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 a **full time ministry training 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 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.

This year we are again running a scheme specifically for internationals which aims to enable participants to apply the principles behind what they are learning into the cultural context of their home nation. A significant proportion of a participant's time will be working alongside international students, so experience of living and ministering in another nation are highly desirable and as most student with of south Asian origin fluency in a south asian language is required.

Training

We are keen to offer our ministry trainees 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 MMTTC, one day per week. MMTTC 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 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 will attend.

Supervision and support

Regular mentoring and discipleship sessions will be an integral part of each trainee'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.

How to apply for the International Ministry Training Scheme

- 1 Please ensure you have read all the information on the scheme.
- 2 Arrange a meeting with John Goodwin, our minister with responsibility for work amongst internationals to discuss if the scheme might be suitable for you.
- 3 Complete the application form.
- 4 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

- 5 You will receive an email or letter to inform you if you have been selected for interview or not.
- 6 Interviews will be held in Beeston in mid / late December.
- 7 Any job offers will be subject to appropriate work visas being obtained