



FROM THE grove

LATEST NEWS AND REVIEWS FROM ST JOHN'S SCHOOL OF MISSION, now incorporating ES News

WINTER 2016

Message from
the Principal:

Off to serve at Lambeth Palace!



Revd Dr David Hilborn, Principal

Early in the New Year I preached at St Paul's Cathedral in London, on the Baptism of Christ. Both of our children attended St Paul's Cathedral School and Matthew was a chorister there, so it was good to be invited back. Jesus' baptism by John is one of those core events in his life that's reported in all four Gospels, and it struck me again as I wrote and delivered my sermon that it follows a crucial period of waiting

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In November academic and operations staff at St John's were delighted to congratulate the Revd Isabelle Hamley on her appointment as Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Isabelle has had a long association with St John's, firstly as a student undertaking her training for ordination and more recently as Tutor in Biblical Studies and Formation Tutor. Alongside her work at St John's School of Mission, Isabelle has served in parishes in West Bingham deanery for the last 5 years at St Giles West Bridgford, St Paul's Wilford Hill and most recently in Edwalton.

Isabelle's primary role as Chaplain will be to pray for, assist and support the Archbishop. She will have particular responsibility for the pastoral and liturgical dimensions of his ministry in Lambeth Palace (and the Church of England) as well as managing his publishing commitments. Her ministry will also include supporting the team and members of the Community of St Anselm and the Chemin Neuf Community who are based at Lambeth Palace.

All at St John's give thanks to God for Isabelle's skills as a gifted tutor and a wise and insightful team member who has worked and supported colleagues with dedication and enthusiasm. We have been praying for Isabelle and her family as she takes up her new post at Lambeth Palace, and we wish them all every blessing for the future.



Photos courtesy of Lambeth Palace

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and preparation. Apart from a brief glimpse in Luke of the 12-year-old Jesus at the temple, the time between his nativity and his baptism goes essentially unreported in the New Testament. Yet it was clearly a significant time – a time of prayer and study; a time, surely, of work and engagement in community. Perhaps most importantly of all, however, it was a time of waiting on God to guide him in his future ministry, and of preparing himself for the practice of that ministry in the years ahead.

Comparisons between Jesus' development and our development here at St John's may need theological nuancing, but at heart we're called to follow and imitate him - both individually and collectively. And right now, we, too, are in a period of waiting and preparation. We continue to train current ordinands and independent students on our existing residential pattern through to graduation. Our youth ministry, children's work and distance learning courses go on deepening hundreds of Christians' knowledge of God, and forming them for mission and leadership. At the same time, we're waiting on God as we prepare to introduce a fresh pattern of context-based and part-time ordination training aligned with roll-out of the new Resourcing Ministerial Education programme within the Church of England from 2018. That timescale, and the fact that we're seeking to work collaboratively with regional and national partners as we make this transition, requires patience and faithfulness. Indeed, there are days when I'd like everything to move faster. But then I remember Isaiah's encouragement that those who 'wait on the Lord' will 'renew their strength' (40:31). And I remember that even Jesus was prepared to wait for great things to happen.

Heritage Open Day, 10 September 2016



In September for the first time in several years St John's was part of the Heritage Open Days scheme where members of the public have an opportunity to visit listed buildings which are otherwise closed to the public.

We welcomed a steady stream of visitors throughout the day to view a small exhibition on the history of the Grove, enjoy light refreshments and a tour around the Grove with a run down on the history of the building from David Hilborn, the Principal!



Fresh Expressions

Catching Sight



St John's was delighted to be invited to participate in the national Fresh Expressions; Catching Sight conference held in Leicester Cathedral in November.

Over 600 delegates from across the country joined twenty groups of consultants and mentors for presentations, conversations and appointments, including teams from Ministry Division Mission and Ministry, Partnership for Missional Church, Church Army, CMS and the National Fresh Expressions Team. St John's was represented amongst the twenty groups by David Hilborn, Nick Ladd and Mark Rodel who gave a 20 minute presentation about Contextual Ministry. They shared the experiences, successes and lessons learnt during our experimental programme, the Community Mission Pathway, where five students lived in or near Lady Bay, sharing life in a new monastic community of prayer, worship and

learning based around the local parish church. Their talk can be viewed on our website.

Every half hour throughout the day the delegates moved between the key venues in the Cathedral and St Martins House to hear the next set of talks and seminars. Our stand in the Cathedral offered visitors the opportunity to find out more about the distance learning programmes, children and youth ministry courses and studying as an independent student.

In the final joint session, four prophetic observers shared their thoughts and observations, helping everyone recognise what God had been doing during the day.

We felt blessed to have been involved in such an energetic, thoughtfully organised and spirit-filled day.

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Visitors from Across the Diocese

The week of 28 November was a busy one at St John's for visitors from Southwell and Nottingham Diocese. Within a couple of days we had Andy Wolfe, Dean of the new Younger Leadership College, Jonny Hughes and Will Foulger from the new resource church plant Holy Trinity Church, Nottingham and the Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell, come to talk to students staff and faculty.

Andy Wolfe, Dean of the Younger Leadership College



Just the night after the official launch of the Younger Leadership College we were delighted to welcome Andy Wolfe to St John's for his first visit. Following meetings with Sally Nash, Director of MCYM and David Hilborn, Principal at St John's, Andy gave a short introduction to staff, faculty and students about the vision, programmes and streams the leadership college has already started, as well as an insight to the plans for the future. Andy comes from a background in teaching at schools and colleges and most recently was Vice Principal at The Nottingham Emmanuel School.

It was interesting to hear that the vision for the college is to have partners across churches, schools, universities and employers and that the programmes and courses are available to people looking to build

their leadership skills in a wider context, and not necessarily just those looking to train for ministry.

The Live:Love:Lead Breakfasts, the plans for international trips to learn from other cultures and backgrounds, and London 'Leadership' residentials combined with a strong mentoring programme with mentors from industry, culture and education as well as the church provides inspiring and exciting opportunities for young people. It leads the way in the Southwell and Nottingham Diocese plans for Growing Disciples - wider, younger, deeper. St John's and MCYM hope to be able to work collaboratively with the college equipping the whole people of God to transform lives and communities. Indeed, Andy is joining us again on 24 May for a CPD day on Schools Chaplaincy - see page 11 for details.

Details of all future events can be found on the website <http://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/events/events-calendar/>



Jonny Hughes and Will Foulger



The following morning we welcomed Jonny Hughes and Will Foulger who have been brought in by Bishop Paul to lead the new Trinity Church, Nottingham, based in the former Neales auction house on Mansfield Road. Jonny and Will will draw on the experience of Holy Trinity Brompton in planting new churches.

The new church is part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham's Growing Disciples - Wider, Younger, Deeper initiative.

During the course of talks with staff, students and faculty Jonny and Will explained both the vision and mission statement for the new church. The congregation will be open to all ages, but will have a particular focus on developing relationships with students and young adults close to the 'creative quarter' on the east side of the city centre. So far they have spent their time in Nottingham getting to know their local community, churches and colleagues in local churches of all denominations. We are looking forward to nurturing closer relationships with Jonny and the team.



Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell



Photos courtesy of Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham

Our final visitor of the week was the Very Reverend Nicola Sullivan, the first female Dean of Southwell. Prior to moving to the East Midlands Nicola had been the Archdeacon of Wells, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Nicola joined staff, students and faculty for informal chats over lunch and in the afternoon she participated with a group of students for a seminar on Reflective Practice in Context lead by Mark Rodel, our Tutor in Pioneer Ministry. Prior to preaching at the all age evening community service, Nicola shared tea, coffee and cake with everyone.



'It was great to have Nicola visit us today to meet students, staff and faculty. We very much enjoyed hearing her talk about her work at the Minster, and I know that she valued sharing in seminar discussion. We were also very touched by her ministry at our college Communion service. We look forward to continuing and developing our relationship with Nicola, and with the Minster.'

David Hilborn, Principal

What next?



I recently graduated from St John's School of Mission with a BA degree in Theology for Ministry.

It was during my final year at St John's that I went through a selection process with Church Mission Society and I was selected as a Mission Partner in training for Latin America.

Since being selected I have been on quite a journey, which has included a trip to three Latin American countries, some language learning, fund and support raising and an ongoing discernment process to decide my long term location. It has been a busy few months!

I would like to share a few tales from my trip . . .

After finishing college in June I had been getting rather frustrated with the whole 'waiting' game, knowing that the earliest I could start training was in January. Patience has never been my strong suit and all I can say is, be careful what you ask for, because days after I had been offloading my frustrations to a friend and to God I got a phone call . . . "Would you like to go and help tutor some pupils in Paraguay?"

I have to say even I wasn't expecting that, but how could I say no after all my impatient complaints to God!?

Well, within a few weeks I found a very nervous version of myself on a plane heading to Latin America, more precisely a country I had never been to before and up until then wasn't even sure exactly where it was located on a map! (Geography isn't one of my strengths either!)

Thrown in at the deep end, I was in school the same day I landed and met the Bishop that evening too! Despite all my apprehension I settled in quite quickly and felt very welcome and happy in my home for the next few months. Tutoring the children and young people was a real joy and privilege and I really enjoyed my time in Paraguay. It was a very new and different environment, at this school for the elite, and even though it isn't where my passion lies I value the mission of the school greatly. It was a great place to begin to engage with Latin American culture and learn some Spanish.

After my time in Paraguay I went on to visit two prospective long term locations. The first was Lima, Peru, where I met several mission partners and visited a variety of projects going on there. As I visited projects and met inspiring people I was reminded of my passion for young and vulnerable people living in situations that for many of us are unimaginable. I visited the shanty towns and I got to see some of the great ministries going on in areas of extreme poverty. One of my favourites was a project which works with young people with learning difficulties and offers them and their families support.

After my time in Lima I moved onto Guatemala, and spent a week visiting and helping out at a charity called 'Mi Arca.' This charity does some incredible work supporting children and young people at high risk of ending up on the streets. Life on the streets in La Terminal is hard to describe and some of the things that happen are difficult to write down.

One story that broke my heart was of a boy who never existed . . . A lot of children born in these places are not registered at birth and without

paperwork you can't get a job. Add to this the lack of education and many people never get registered at all. This was true for one young boy, who at 17 was shot dead on the streets. The authorities took his body and wouldn't allow anyone to even know the time or date of his burial.

He was buried in a mass grave and there is no record of his death. No birth records and no death records mean that in the state's eyes he never existed at all! Sadly this is true for far too many people.

Mi Arca is a charity that is empowering children and young people and helping them seek an alternative life, one with hope and joy. Some of the young men that this charity is working with, whom I had the privilege to spend time with, were truly inspiring. They were given responsibility and value and I heard how their lives had literally transformed in only a few months. I was blessed to spend even one week with them.

God's encouragement and provision throughout my life, and in particular these past few months, has been overwhelming. For example there was one point while I was away when I was questioning, well, everything. That same day I received a very generous donation that means that I can definitely do my training in January.

All Praise to God for His faithful people. So, that is what is next for me, training in January where I will be based in Oxford for at least three months.

Right now I am focusing on discerning my long term location, practicing my Spanish and preparing for 2017, which is going to be a year of great change.

I would appreciate your prayers at this time and if anyone would like to support me financially too then please get in touch. azariaspencer@live.co.uk
Or you can find out more online on the CMS website.

Azaria Spencer



Miscellany



Prayers...

Valuing the power of prayer and prayer's continued place at the heart of our college's community life, this spring we would especially like you to be holding us in prayer for:

- **The college's future development:** Give thanks and praise to the Lord for our continuing ordinands and for His marvellous provision of new youth ministry students with MCYM, and new distance learners. As we re-shape ordination training, please be praying for all faculty, staff and trustees who are working on a new model of part-time and context-based training for ordinands, and also for independent students.
- **Community life:** Please pray for growth for all staff, faculty and students as we seek to gain more and more of an understanding of living in a Christ-centred community as we pray, eat, study and worship together. Ask God for strength, joy and wisdom as we seek to build up and uphold others. Pray too for those students spending a day serving practically at Oak Field School again on 8th March, that there will be a mutual awareness of God's love at work within this link between the school and St John's, and that this will be of lasting significance.
- **Students leaving this June:** Pray for energy and peace to complete academic work to God's glory, and for all ordinands and ministry students whose spouses and families will be relocating for curacy or new ministry positions. Also remember in prayer any who are currently seeking God's will for their lives after St John's. Ask God to help leaving students to keep dependence on Him central, that He may enable effective time management and impart freedom to respond to His Spirit's promptings.

If you have any specific prayer requests we would love to pray for you. Please email these to stjohnsnottinghamprayer@gmail.com

Gayle Greenway, 3rd year ordinand

Timeline - Church Next, USA



Church Next, an adult on-line Sunday school resource with short, accessible courses on theology was initially set up by Rev Chris Yaw to serve his church. It's based in the USA and in collaboration with St John's has been using some of the elements from Tim Hull's Timeline interviews with Alec Ryrie for a short course 'Martin Luther: Seeds of Reformation'.

We pray this will be the start of a fruitful partnership and that it provides a good platform and opportunity to promote Timeline in the USA.

MCYM News



CYM Awards Ceremony



The middle of October was an exciting time for our 2015/16 final year MCYM students. It was the culmination of several years of hard work, study, travelling and contextual placements - yes, the annual CYM Awards Ceremony was upon us!

Two hundred and sixty graduands, families and guests, CYM staff and faculty from the five centres

and representatives from the validating universities met at the Emmanuel Centre, Westminster for a service of thanks and celebration prior to the award of graduation certificates.

Following the service everyone enjoyed a spread of delicious cakes and fruit skewers, washed down by cups of tea.

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From a Student's Point of View



Abbie Crawford started studying on the BA (Hons) Youth and Community Work and Practical Theology degree with MCYM in September 2016. In a recent interview Abbie reflected on her time so far.

Why did you choose to study with MCYM?

I came to MCYM to pursue my passion for youthwork in an academic as well as practical setting.

What are you learning from studying at MCYM?

I'm learning more about myself and how my understandings of the Bible and Youthwork differ to other people's. And listening to others has been really challenging.

Can you share a story about how your work made a difference to someone?

I find it amazing building up relationships with new young people so that they tell you they need you and trust you.

Funniest moment?

When our class-mates came up with a RAP! It was about the gospel. Twas AWESOME!

How has your first term been?

It's been a journey; a new church has been challenging but so enjoyable. Starting the course has been an eye opening experience and I've learnt so much.

How has this course impacted your spiritual development?

I've understood God in a different way having been challenged to find God in everything I do. I set aside time to worship him and have a full-on relationship with him.

Any other comments?

I love the community of MCYM.

Youthwork in a Digital Age

The Grove Youth Series was started and is administered by MCYM. The next booklet to be published in January is entitled **Youthwork in a Digital Age** and is written by Liz Dumain, a practice tutor for MCYM and Assistant Director of Mission in the Diocese of Birmingham.



Once upon a time technology was simple: tvs showed programmes, phones made phone calls, and the bible came as a 'book'.

Now things are much more complicated. We find ourselves at a watershed between a generation that has seen technology creep in and the internet change the landscape, and a generation of young people that cannot imagine how we ever existed without it. Written for youth workers, church leaders and interested Christians, this booklet seeks to help us understand the implications of digital development for youth ministry, as we stand in the gap between an increasingly divided pre-digital generation, and young people for whom digitalization and the internet are as vital as the air we breathe. It seeks to reassure, challenge and provoke us to consider the need for radical new approaches to youth work.

Copies of this and other books in the Grove series can be ordered through the website.

www.grovebooks.co.uk





LEN KAGELER Workshops

2 CMPD workshops one in the morning on **The Top Eight Mistakes UK Youthworkers Make and How to Avoid Them**, the afternoon session on **Youth Worker Soul Care and Personality**. Details on www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

28th March '17

at St John's School of Mission , 10am – 4pm

BOOK NOW!

Email mcym@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk



SCHOOLS CHAPLAINCY

An opportunity to explore the growing significance of chaplaincy in education including looking at spiritual development, the multi faith context, the pastoral/missional tension and models of good practice. With input from practitioners and educationalists. This is a day to network, be inspired and consider the opportunities chaplaincy can bring.

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24th May '17

at St John's School of Mission , 10am – 4pm

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Hope into Action



Choosing to study with CYM was one the best decisions of my life, the courses are excellent both for those who intend to remain or begin a ministry in youth, schools and children's work, as I all ways thought I would. You are also taught in a way that empowers you to be able to transfer your learning to the much broader context of modern day Christian Ministry. Without doubt it is the skills, tools and knowledge I was equipped with during my time with CYM, as well a calling from God and his plan for my life, that has helped me to achieve what I have both personally and professionally and has led to my current role with Hope into Action.

"Hope into Action is an award-winning charity set up to enable churches to fight homelessness initially in Peterborough, now across the country. Our dream is to change the lives of the most disadvantaged in our society by finding them homes rather than a bed for the night." (HIA Website)

Hope into Action partners with local churches to rehouse the homeless. We do this by finding investors who buy properties and then lease them to us. The partner church provides friendship and support for the tenants in the property. This provides supported accommodation for some of the most vulnerable in our society and gives them a platform from which to rebuild their lives and to move on to independent living.

As a Church and Tenant Empowerment worker my role is quite varied, which I love! This role involves working closely with leaders from the support group churches and helping them to develop an understanding of Hope into Action's model of support and tenant journey. Alongside this providing individual guidance and delivering training to the befriending groups on how to lovingly support our tenants and how to take care of themselves as the work can sometimes be a challenge. Some situations we need to trust God with as they are beyond human intervention.

I also have opportunities to speak at various partner churches services and other gatherings to encourage the Church and give thanks and praise for all that they, and all God is doing for the tenants and our work.

Another facet of my role is that I also get to journey with tenants and provide more specialised support and empowerment work. This involves encouraging and supporting them in accessing medical services, local substance misuse services, financial assistance, exploring training and employment opportunities. Other aspects of the role involve acting as the landlord, carrying out property checks and ensuring the tenant is happy with their accommodation and everything is safe and well maintained for them. Assisting tenants to maintain their tenancies and helping them to be able to live independently is a major thrust of our support.

Adam Akers, Church and Tenant Empowerment Worker

A Song of Formation

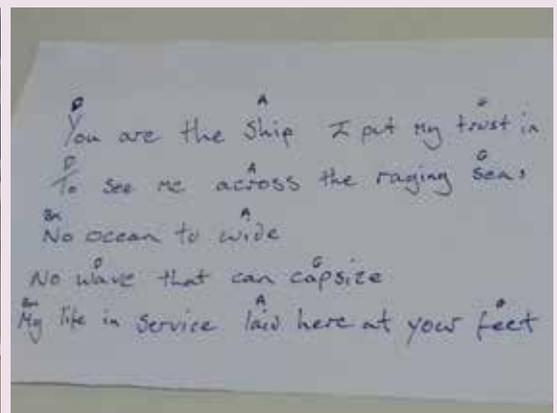
You are the ship I put my trust in
To see me across the raging seas
No ocean too wide, no wave that can capsize
My life in service laid here at your feet

Called to proclaim
Your great and glorious name
Our God three in one
Father, spirit, son

For the final lecture day of our CYM year 3 leadership and ministry module we were given the opportunity to creatively reflect on our time at St John's and how we felt about our developing ministries and leadership styles. We had been encouraged to spend some time in prayer and reflection in preparation for the day's lecture. During this time of preparation I reflected on an image I have often come back to throughout my time on the CYM course. The image is of a ship, docked at a harbour taking on provisions in preparation for a journey. Over the last few years this image has developed into a metaphor, God is the ship and I must put my trust in him on the journey he has set out for me.

At the start of our day's creative reflection I drew a ship anchored at a dock, taking on provisions. While drawing this I felt a real sense of God saying 'this is the time to stop and take stock so you're properly equipped for what I want you to do', this is the first time I'd really thought about why the ship in my image was always still. On the mast and oars of the ship I wrote some of the theologies, principles and leadership styles that have shaped my own practice, this included things like servant leadership, community builder, Christ and culture and inclusiveness. The ship was named Trinity.

The way I have traditionally expressed myself creatively is through song writing. I have written and recorded several albums both with a band and as a solo musician, but have never tried to write a song of worship. I chose to bring my guitar along with me, feeling that I might want to put some of my thoughts down to music. During the day I started to come up with a melody that soon became the first couple of lines of a chorus. With my guitar I figured out a chord progression that worked with the melody and developed the initial few lines into a four line chorus structure. The words came very easily to me having spent so much time reflecting on where I felt I was on my own journey. I am at a point in my own faith and ministry where I feel able to put my complete trust in all that God has got planned out for me and that I am ready to commit my life to his service. The writing of the verse lyrics, melody and chord progression happened very naturally as I continued to draw from the reflections I had made throughout the day. The words and music I wrote in this time of creative reflection are very meaningful to me, it simply sums up so much of how I currently feel. This is the first worship song I have written and hope that I will be able to share this with others and that it might also mean something to them.



MIDLANDS CYM

We offer high quality, creative courses for anyone who wants to be involved in mission and ministry in a range of settings. Come and visit!

- BA (Hons) Youth & Community Work and Practical Theology (includes JNC Professional Qualification)
- BA (Hons) in Contextual Ministry and Practical Theology

Both degrees are practice based and are

- university validated
- eligible for Student Finance
- can be studied full or part-time

#INSPIRING CHANGE



OPEN DAYS

11 April, 27 June 2017

Email mcym@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk to book

A Change of Direction



After many years of delivering clinical care to adults and children in various NHS trusts I decided the time had come to give up a well-paid job and embark as a mature student on a degree course with MCYM as working with young people is where I feel I need to be. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work, study and grow professionally at college and on placement as a Youth Worker in the Chaplaincy team at Birmingham Children’s Hospital (BCH) which has been one of the most adventurous and liberating chapters of my career so far.

My day to day role in hospital is to offer activities that encourage spiritual reflection and intervention and to record and audit the spiritual care encounters. Since beginning my placement in September with the learning content delivered through college I have been able to identify ways in which spirituality may be impacted by illness and young people

being hospitalised. I do this at the bedside of patients and work in specialist ward areas across the hospital. I have supported existing links with the onsite school and play department supporting young people’s big life questions through informal education and play activities.

My placement at the hospital and MCYM complement each other, both helping me develop academically and in confidence as well as equipping me with sound theological thinking. Learning how to apply this to my professional practice I have really valued the practical learning delivered by MCYM and have found the teaching structure and environment to be of a high standard.

I’m enjoying the diversity the hospital placement has brought me and feel inspired daily by the chaplaincy team and teaching staff at MCYM. I always look forward to attending lectures feeling empowered to learn more, and I feel I will forever be in debt to the staff at CYM for their support, expertise, and humour.

Jodie Cotterell

CONGRATULATIONS!

Warmest congratulations to two sets of MCYM students/graduates who got engaged recently Charlotte Mould and Emmanuel Chiweshe and Rob Jones and Adele Bownes.



ES News

The Work of a Church Administrator

This Certificate in Christian Studies module is a joint venture between St John's and the UK Church Administrator Network (UCAN). **The Work of a Church Administrator** represents something of a first: a distance learning course prepared specifically for those who are employed by their church as an Administrator, usually working out of the church office.

The module is studied alongside working and it takes approximately 18 months to finish. Several students have now completed the course and their feedback is very positive with many telling us how it has transformed not only their way of working but how others perceive them within the life and daily running of the church.

Contact admissions@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk



'I would highly recommend this course to any church administrator. It will transform your life as well as the church you work for!'

Study Theology by Distance Learning with St John's

Join our large community of students who are studying theology by distance learning from a variety of denominations, backgrounds, countries and nationalities across the globe.

We run our own internal award, the **Certificate in Christian Studies**, which is studied module by module. Students can start at any time and it is suitable for anyone. It is a great way to 'dip your toe in the water' to see what it is like to study theology. It's flexible, accessible and stimulating!

For further details on all courses and modules and to download application and reference forms please see our website: www.stjohns-nottm.ac.uk or contact the Admissions Department on 0115 968 3203 or admissions@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

The Skilled Pastoral Carer



Our Skilled Pastoral Carer course helps you develop a Christian understanding of people and equips you to express God's love and care to them in a practical way. The programme begins and ends with a short residential. Dates for starting Autumn 2017 are still to be agreed.

This six month distance learning course equips people in basic skills in communication and interpersonal relationships. The course offers face to face and distance learning experience.

Further information, application and reference forms are on the website, <http://stjohns-nottm.ac.uk/study/pastoral-care-and-counselling/skilled-pastoral-carer/>



Please call 0115 968 3203 or email admissions@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk and we shall advise dates as soon as we can.

Story to tell? We would love to include stories from students, alumni and Trustees in future newsletters. Please email j.travis@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

Dates for the Diary

Short Courses coming up...

27 Feb - 2 Mar'17

Chaplaincy

This course will cover basic skills and key aspects in chaplaincy, including religious, spiritual and pastoral care in a range of contexts of school, college, young offenders and hospital. It will consider the history and theological basis of chaplaincy and engage in exploring various models of chaplaincy from a theoretical and practical perspective. We will use a range of interactive learning approaches to reflect on chaplaincy in context and develop skills with which to minister.

28 March'17

Len Kageler workshops

Join us for one or both workshops, 10.00am - 4.00pm

- [The Top 8 Mistakes UK Youth Workers Make & How We Can Avoid Making Them](#)

Youth workers are human, to be sure! New research has emerged about human error in youth work. In this session we'll seek to understand the kinds of errors we make in youth ministry. We will explore how we can recover from mistakes, build fences against failure, and be a source of encouragement to others who are as imperfect as ourselves.

- [Youth Worker Soul Care and Personality](#)

Our God-given personality, strengths, and spiritual gifts play a huge role in how we experience and process our spiritual lives. This session explores the interplay of our relationship with God and the way He has crafted us in the first place. This is not a lecture-only session...there will be much interaction and movement as we seek to take better care of the spiritual side of our lives.

24-27 April '17

Religious Education

This course considers the role of RE in the school curriculum, its cultural and theology issues and its impact upon the emotional and spiritual development of young people. It considers the history of RE, curriculum content, policy issues and the place of RE within schools. It explores the role of the school and the youth and community worker within the RE curriculum.

24 May'17

Schools Chaplaincy CPD day

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To book any of the above please call Gill 0115 968 3222 or email mcym@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk

STOP
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Thiselton Lecture 2017, Thursday 25 May, Rev Dr Pete Phillips
THE PIXELATED TEXT: READING THE BIBLE WITHIN DIGITAL CULTURE

to book email r.taylor@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk



We are delighted that Pete Phillips, Director of Research at CODEC, will deliver this year's lecture. Pete has a background in New Testament teaching and research. In 2008 he moved to St John's College, Durham to develop, part-time, a cutting edge, digital theology, research programme at CODEC. As full-time Director of the Centre, Pete has a key role in ongoing strategic development and our understanding of Digital Theology. Pete's interests include postmodernism, theology and the arts, film and football.

And finally...

Welcome to the Team!

St John's is delighted that the new registry team is starting to take shape...



Rev Dr John Tomlinson has been appointed as Course Director. John joins us from St John's Carrington, where he has served as Vicar (0.5), and from Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, where he has been lecturing in Theology and Religious Studies.



In addition, Jacqui Brown has joined the team as Course Administrator. Jacqui has worked in administration for both universities and secondary schools. Her experience and enthusiasm will be a great benefit to St John's in this period of transition.

John and Jacqui will be great additions to the team at an exciting time of transition for St John's. John brings with him a wealth of experience in theological education, academic management and church leadership. We very much look forward to benefiting from John's wisdom, pastoral insight and professional skills and to welcoming both of them into the college community.

David Hilborn, Principal

Hosting visitors

Over Christmas and the New Year, David Hilborn and his wife Mia hosted four members of the St Anselm's Community in their home in Bramcote. The group are part of the second intake to start the new monastic experiment launched by Archbishop Justin Welby eighteen months ago. Most of the year they live at Lambeth Palace.

'The Community of St Anselm provides an opportunity for young people aged 20 to 35 to 'spend a year in God's time' in a residential and non-residential new-monastic community with a shared rule of life focused on prayer, study and service to the most vulnerable in society.'



This group have been on placement at St Thomas's Hospital, London where Mia works.



Thanks and Congratulations!

Warmest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the wonderful Ruth Clarke who has been working in the library at St Johns for 10 years! We are truly blessed to have Ruth as part of the team.

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