



Application Pack

Beeston Free Church

Ministry Trainee Scheme 2026/27



About Beeston Free Church

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. Beeston Free is one of a number of evangelical churches in the city and the surrounding area and we're glad to enjoy good relationships with other local churches.

At Beeston Free, we're committed to our vision of 'Glorifying God through lives transformed by the gospel'. At the heart of our values is our passion to love God, love people and love the gospel. We are eager to be a church who respond to God's word, delight in Him and live prayerfully dependent on Him. We are committed to growing together, serving others and training and equipping leaders. And we are convinced of the priority of proclaiming the good news of Jesus, living the gospel out in everyday life and being transformed as the gospel of grace takes deeper root in our lives.

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

Beeston Free welcomes around 600 people to its morning and evening services each Sunday. Our total membership is around 260. Although around 50% of our congregation are aged 18-35, we have a wide spread across all age ranges, including active children's work, youth work and work among the retired.

As a church in a large city, close to two universities and a major teaching hospital we experience a constant turnover of the congregation. Although we do possess a growing and stable core, 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, this turnover also presents challenges. We are looking for committed people equipped to serve the church body and with a heart to care for people pastorally.

As we look to the future, a key priority for our leadership team has been considering gospel growth local, nationally and globally.

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



About the Trainee 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. We want to develop people with a heart for the gospel, a passion to teach the Bible and to serve Christ in the future.

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. There are opportunities to serve in a wide range of ministries and to experience work and ministry in a large church context.

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 Gospel Partnership Training East:
All of our ministry trainees may attend MGP Training East, one day per week. MGPE 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.

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 £18K/year including providing a 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

- 1 Please ensure you have read all the information on the scheme.
2. We would recommend you arrange an informal discussion with one of our staff before deciding to apply and getting an application form.
3. Complete the application form when you have it.
4. Post or email the completed application form to:

Peter Andrews
Beeston Free Church
Salthouse Lane
Beeston NG9 2FY

pandrews@beestonfree.net

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 late November.

The deadline for applications is
Sunday 2 November 2025