

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

We're a large evangelical church in the heart of the City of London. Our passion is to know Jesus and make him known.

London has a huge number of students, recent graduates and people from overseas, as well as the 300,000 business men and women who work within a mile of our buildings.



We try to use our location to serve the wide range of people within reach through three Sunday services, midweek lunchtime services, and various linked Bible studies and evangelistic groups. We also run smaller satellite ministries, including a Mandarin-speaking congregation, prison work, and outreach on local estates.



Our Sunday evening congregation is made up mostly of students and young workers, Sunday morning has a large number of families, and Sunday afternoon is a real mixture. In each we place a strong emphasis on our weekly small groups, where we get to know God through his Word and express our love for him by loving and serving each other.



In all of our meetings the Bible is the focus, since we believe that it is by God's Word being heard that his Spirit works, our Father is known and Jesus' name is glorified.



WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

- › Gospel hearted men and women who love God and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
- › People committed to the Bible as God's word, believing it to be our supreme authority and eager to know how to study and teach it better
- › People willing to serve and take on a variety of responsibilities and tasks around the church
- › Those with the Christian maturity and gifts to teach the Bible in groups and one-to-one
- › All kinds of people from new graduates to men and women who have worked for a number of years.

We have two entry points: First Year and Foundation year, meaning we can take on and appropriately train those with years of ministry experience (including previous apprenticeships) and those with little experience but real potential.

HOW TO CONTACT US



Further information and application forms are available on our website: www.st-helens.org.uk/associatescheme

Via the church office:
St Helen's Church Office
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Or by email: associate.info@st-helens.org.uk

We start interviewing in November for the next September intake, and accept applications until all the places are filled.

THE ASSOCIATE SCHEME

ST HELEN'S BISHOPSGATE

Serve in a gospel-centred church for 1-2 years



with ministry experience, individual mentoring and training in bible-handling

Becoming better servants of Jesus Christ

ST HELEN'S
BISHOPSGATE

OUR OVERALL AIM

Our great desire is to see God glorified as Christians are built up and Jesus' kingdom is extended.

For this to happen, godly leaders are key - leaders who will serve God and his people, whether in a paid or a lay capacity. These men and women will have a growing relationship with the Lord Jesus, a passion for his gospel, an understanding of the importance of his Word and an ability to grasp and teach what he is saying with real clarity.

The aim of the Associate Scheme is to develop the next generation of such servant-leaders.

Under God, we aim to help Associates grow in the multitude of areas they will need if they are to be good servants of Jesus Christ: godliness, servant-heartedness, ministry-mindedness and theological understanding.

But our particular emphasis is not just on teaching content, but on growing convictions, attitudes and bible-reading skills that will last a lifetime. The hands on ministry experience, practical service, personal study and group-discussion format of our training are all designed around this long-term goal.

We hope Associates will grow in their desire and ability to read the Bible on its own terms, equipping them for a lifetime of feeding both themselves and those they minister to.

MENTORED IN MINISTRY

One of the best ways to learn how to do Christian ministry is actually to do it, and therefore half of the Associates' time is spent involved in Christian ministry.

Each Associate will have a Bible study group to lead and will read one-to-one with several individuals.

Each Associate will also have an area of church ministry to develop. Depending on their maturity and previous experience, this could be anything from working with students in a particular university, to helping run a lunchtime ministry in part of the City.

Most Associates will at various points be involved in other activities such as running an evangelistic group and giving talks. All Associates participate in preaching practice groups, which are a real highlight for many.

In all of these areas Associates receive support, training and feedback from those with more experience, and each Associate is individually mentored by a member of staff.

There is a huge amount of ministry to get involved in at St Helen's, and we encourage Associates to take responsibility and initiative.

We aim that Associates should leave confident and well equipped to engage in ministry in a variety of contexts.

TRAINED IN BIBLE HANDLING

To be a good teacher of God's Word, it is essential first to become a good listener. Learning to hear what God is actually saying in Scripture is the heart of our training.

Over a third of an Associate's time is spent leaning to study and teach the Bible. The weekly programme consists of:

- a half day workshop working through two books of the Bible in depth across the year.
- a half day seminar learning theology and ministry skills, including preaching practice.

First Years also choose from three additional streams:

- Training in International Ministry
- Training in Youth and Children's work
- Joining Friday mornings at Cornhill Training Course

Second Year Associates study Isaiah in depth, and read through the entire bible, discussing it book by book.

Our training is interactive, so that Associates learn to read and think for themselves. After their own in-depth personal study of Scripture, Associates explain, evaluate and defend the conclusions they have reached. Bible teachers need to learn when to change their thinking and when to stick to their point; how to weigh conflicting interpretations of God's word; and how to persuade others of truths simply.

These skills are increasingly important and untaught in our relativistic culture, and so we work very hard on them.

ministry and service in a gospel focused church; training Bible students and teachers

