

FOOTSTEPS

DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



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**A course for
everyone
living out their faith
in local churches
and communities**



Footsteps is designed for everyone who wants to deepen their faith and to develop their understanding and skills as they serve God in local churches and communities.

Footsteps 1 is a one year course which has now been running for 12 years. Footsteps 2 is the 2nd year of the course for those who wish to continue.

Footsteps is a partnership between Regent's Park College, Oxford and the Southern Counties Baptist Association and the Central Baptist Association. The Children, Youth and Families option, now included as an option in SCBA Footsteps, was introduced in collaboration with the Centre for Family and Childhood Studies at Bristol Baptist College.

Dates for 2019-20:

Footsteps 1 and 2 will held on the following 10 Saturdays, September to June, from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

28th September	29th February
19th October	21st March
16th November	25th April
14th December	16th May
18th January	20th June

Venue: SCBA Footsteps 1 and 2 meet at The Baptist Church in Thatcham.

Each Saturday, there are five interactive sessions, opportunities for worship and prayer all together and in small groups, as well as informal times to chat over coffee breaks and lunch.

Footsteps is open to everyone, whatever you have studied or not studied in the past. There are no previous requirements, but we ask that you have the support of your local church.

The cost for 2019-20 is £330. We encourage your church to pay 2/3rds. There may also be some assistance available from the SCBA through training grants.



Studying in Footsteps 1:

There are 10 teaching streams which run through the year.

5 are core subjects that everyone studies together:

- Understanding the Bible
- Understanding our Faith
- Deepening Spirituality
- Mission, Evangelism and Culture
- Baptist History and Principles

5 are option subjects from which students either choose TWO:

- Pastoral Care or Exploring Worship
- Leadership Skills or Preaching Skills

or just ONE, for those taking the 'double' option

- Children, Youth and Families

What can I expect?

- Interactive participation in sessions.
- Some preparation, on occasions, between Saturdays.
- The opportunity to keep a journal during the year.
- The **option** of writing some assignments.
- Challenge and inspiration from the sessions and from the prayerful support of leaders and fellow participants.

We hope that you will receive a growing understanding of ministry and mission as you explore faith in the context of a supportive group. There is also a final Celebration evening at which certificates are presented.

Regionally Recognised Leaders:

For anyone who seeks to become a Regionally Recognised Leader, Footsteps 1 and 2, with all assignments successfully completed, fulfil the *academic* requirement. [See SCBA website for full RRL details.]

To find out more

- ♦ e-mail: community.learning@regents.ox.ac.uk
- ♦ write to: Community Learning — Footsteps,
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To download the SCBA Footsteps Information Pack

- ♦ go to the SCBA website > Footsteps
- ♦ or www.rpc.ox.ac.uk and follow links to About Regent's > Study here > Community Learning > Footsteps

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Although I have been a Christian for quite a few years I am still surprised me when I learn something new! Footsteps has taught me a lot about the Bible that I did not know and continues to teach me about Mission and Culture, Leadership and Pastoral Care , all of which are important in my role as Mission team leader at Romsey Baptist Church. I look forward to attending the sessions each month as I know that I will come away with some new, useful and challenging information. I would recommend this course to anyone wanting to learn more about Christian faith and the Bible and how to apply these in our daily lives.

Bronwen Clemons, SCBA Footsteps 1

I have found Footsteps 1 very interesting and thought-provoking. It has challenged me spiritually to study my Bible more and also seek an even deeper relationship with God. The teachers are very engaging and they bring their personal experiences to the teaching which is very helpful. I really like the times when we break into smaller groups to pray. We not only pray but also share life's issues with each other and it is very refreshing. I also share the things I learn with my wife so Footsteps is a double whammy for me!



Bode Akinbiyi, CBA Footsteps 1



I was offered the Footsteps course when I approached my minister to begin exploring a calling into prison chaplaincy. I have thoroughly enjoyed the course and found it easy to follow and well planned. I was surprised to find that I really enjoyed the sections on Mission and Culture. I am keen to go on to Footsteps 2 before considering applying to theological College and this course has given me a sound basis for both. I would urge church leaders to consider offering Footsteps more widely to congregations as the course suits all ranges of experience and needs.

Trudy McKnight, SCBA Footsteps 1