

FOOTSTEPS 2

Footsteps has been amazing. The variety of subjects has been really interesting as well as challenging and has helped my spiritual journey enormously. The worship option has been particularly helpful and has given me the confidence to try new things. The other members on the course have become good friends and we support each other as we journey together. I now view the end of 2 years with some trepidation! I am thankful that I have had such a great opportunity to learn more about my faith and it has wetted my appetite to learn more!

Helen Evans, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2015-17



The quality of teaching is fantastic, the tutors are very experienced, knowledgeable, passionate and supportive. Fellow course participants are full of grace in the way they listen to one another. The learning environment is very relaxing with opportunities to pray, worship, laugh and have fun while critically engaging with the scriptures.

I strongly recommend this course to anyone who wants to dig deeper, and who is willing to engage with the scriptures with an open mind, as this will help them to maximise the opportunities for spiritual growth and development offered by this course.

Julius Ayodele, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2013-2015



Footsteps 2 provides a stimulating environment with an interesting and relevant syllabus. Specific topics and subjects are taught by people with special interests who share their own experiences. This helps to trigger new connections and ideas, and stimulates further research and reading.

Here I have been able to build relationships of trust with people previously unknown to me, interacting in discussion groups and sharing and praying in our small group.

There is the time commitment... but it's investment of time and is proving valuable and worthwhile. Do consider coming back!

Lyn Sweeney, SCBA Footsteps 1, CBA Footsteps 2



To apply for Footsteps 2: Fill in the 2017-18 **SCBA Footsteps 2** application form and send it, with payments, to: SCBA Footsteps 2, Regent's Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford, OX1 2LB

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DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



2017

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A further training opportunity for those living out their faith in local churches and communities

Footsteps 2 is for anyone who has followed the first **Footsteps** course or previously studied with the **Open College**. It builds on the foundations established in Footsteps 1 by developing the main and option streams.

We are planning to run **Footsteps 2** again in the Southern Counties Baptist Association in the coming year, 2017-18, alongside Footsteps 1.

Footsteps Pathway Days are held once each term; they are open to everyone and focus on one aspect of Christian life and ministry.

When and where does Footsteps happen?

Footsteps 1 and 2 are held on 10 Saturdays, September to June, from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. at The Baptist Church in Thatcham.

The dates for 2017-18 are:

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| 23rd September | 24th February |
| 14th October | 17th March |
| 11th November | 28th April |
| 9th December | 19th May |
| 13th January | 16th June |

Who are the trainers?

Many of the trainers who lead sessions for Footsteps 1 also teach on Footsteps 2. Other trainers, with expertise in particular areas, such as Spirituality and Mission, have joined the team.

Who takes Footsteps 2?

Just like Footsteps 1, participants take Footsteps 2 for many reasons. People share a desire to deepen their faith and spiritual understanding, and become better equipped for living out their faith within their local churches.

What about assignments?

As with Footsteps 1 these are optional, but you are encouraged to have a go! However, taking Footsteps 1 and 2, and completing all assignments fulfils the academic requirements for SCBA's Regionally Recognised Leaders.

What happens each Saturday?

Just like Footsteps 1, there are five interactive sessions each day, opportunities for worship and prayer all together and in small groups, as well as informal times to chat over coffee breaks and lunch.

What does it cost?

For 2017-18 the cost is £330. We encourage your church to pay two-thirds. Ask about paying in instalments, if that helps to spread the cost.

Areas of Study in Footsteps 2

[A brief guide to some of the features...]

The 5 main streams continue from Footsteps 1:

- Understanding the Bible — examining different types of Biblical writings — and developing skills in exegesis and hermeneutics.
- Living in God's Kingdom [Understanding our Faith] — exploring Christian approaches to ethical issues — and investigating different ways to communicate effectively in modern society.
- Deepening Spirituality — presenting more examples of Christian Spirituality, such as those from the Ignatian and Anabaptist traditions.
- Mission and Culture — engaging in Mission with practical examples from people working in specific areas.
- Baptist History and Principles — developing insights into what it means to be a Baptist in the local church and wider community.

The same 2 option streams [from 4] are followed, building on teaching from Footsteps 1 with emphasis on specific issues and practical skills:

- Pastoral Care — rites of passage and other special opportunities for offering Pastoral Care — and developing effective teams.
- Leadership Skills — styles and challenges of leadership — and ways to grow as leaders and avoid burn-out.
- Preaching Skills — opportunities to work collaboratively and individually on writing and delivering effective sermons — and exploring alternative ways to interact with congregations.
- Leading Worship — exploring worship through the Bible and prayer and gathering for worship in specific circumstances and on special occasions.

Attending Footsteps 2 is about so much more than listening to the gifted speakers and expanding your knowledge. You move into a deeper relationship with your student colleagues and, for me, my God.

One of the outstanding aspects for me was the way the different speakers enabled me to consider church in so many ways, whilst always keeping the core unity in Christ. Each session led to further personal thought and study and strengthened my understanding — and I always felt it reflected on life today.

Sue Stokes, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2015-2017

