

FOOTSTEPS 2

FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS COMPLETED FOOTSTEPS 1



2018
– 2019



**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, 2018-19, 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 2018-19 are:

22nd September	9th February
13th October	16th March
17th November	27th April
8th December	11th May
12th January	15th 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 2018-19 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, including 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* option streams 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.
- Children, Youth and Family — again offered as a double option.



Following Footsteps 1 and 2 Karen will be going to Bristol Baptist College to start Ministerial training, in the autumn.

Footsteps has helped me explore and move forward to formal training as a Baptist Minister. Informative, fun and challenging, it makes me really think about my faith and why I believe what I believe. We have considered the Bible from different perspectives and gained greater understanding of the history and principles of the Baptist movement. I have met some fantastic people from all sorts of churches and have benefited greatly from the wealth of experience that the tutors have in their areas of expertise.

Karen Bugg, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2016-18

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Having done Footsteps 1 and 2, Sue Stokes returned for a third year to complete the two options streams she did not take during the main course. Sue writes:

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, plus 2017-18



Now Jakki has finished Footsteps 1 and 2, she is returning to complete the whole CYF option in a year, while continuing to explore where God is leading her in the next stage of her life and work.

Footsteps 1 and 2 have been enriching experiences which have equipped me to carry out ministry in my local church. They have given me confidence to try new things and gain fresh insights and knowledge. Getting to know new people from other churches has also been rewarding and given me a wider understanding of what it means to be a Baptist.

Jakki Nobbs, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2016-18

Keith is a deacon, worship leader and co-leader of a small group in his church community and he volunteers at his local night shelter where he fulfils a number of roles:

Footsteps 2 has been challenging at times, but it has been very worthwhile. I have learnt a lot through looking at scripture from a different perspective and the option stream on Worship has been very inspiring. The prayer times and fellowship with course members has supported me in many ways through the 2 years of Footsteps.

Keith Bedford, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2016-18



To apply for Footsteps 2: Fill in the 2018-19 **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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