



South Central Gospel Partnership

The South Central Gospel Partnership is a group of Evangelical churches in the South of England working together to promote the gospel of Christ. This includes strengthening and planting churches and training leaders. It is our belief that together we can do certain things better together than individually, and that the gospel will advance as we partner to promote Christ to the people of the South Central region.

We are an informal grouping of both Anglican and Free Churches, with two geographical clusters centering on Oxford and Reading.

This leaflet will set out the main activities of the Gospel Partnership, as well as letting you know how you can be involved. Please consider partnering with us, praying for us, and giving financially so that this work may continue.

Trustees



Vaughan Roberts,
St Ebbe's Church, Oxford



James Muldoon,
Carey Baptist Church,
Reading



Peter Comont,
Trinity Church, Oxford



Piers Bickersteth
Arborfield and Barkham
Churches

Ministry Training

Ministry Training Course (Day Course)

For over ten years, the Ministry Training Course has been running on Tuesdays at St Ebbe's Church in Oxford. Drawing around 75 students from over twenty different churches, the goal of this 1-2 year course is to equip men and women to minister God's word to others.

After beginning the day in prayer and song, the four elements of the course are as follows:

- Bible Expositions
- Doctrine and Practical Ministry
- Workshops (giving talks and receiving feedback)
- Bible Overview

Costs are £190 per term (10 weeks). For more information and to apply for the course visit www.scgp.org.uk

Evening Courses

These evening courses have a similar approach to the day course, but are designed to be accessible to those who work full-time. Each term we have 5 fortnightly sessions, and each term is one standalone topic.

Courses run regularly in Oxford and Reading, and occasionally in other locations – full details on website.

Previous courses include:

- Bible Overview
- How to teach the Bible
- Doctrine of God
- Doctrine of the Cross

See website for details of upcoming courses: www.scgp.org.uk

Events

Each year we have a day conference, and there is a biennial women's day. We hope also to be able to offer other one-off events that will be a benefit to the churches in the region. More info at www.scgp.org.uk.



Mission and Church Planting

Our desire is that by partnering together, we can be better equipped to reach out with the gospel of Christ to our region. The Gospel Partnership has been involved in organizing mission events like Passion for Life across different churches in the region.

It is also our prayer that the Gospel Partnership might benefit church planting, in particular by identifying areas of the region less well-served by churches, and partnering in seeking to reach these places.

For more information visit the page on church planting at www.scgp.org.uk.



Get Involved

Finances

Currently the sole source of income for the Gospel Partnership is the fees that are paid for the different courses we run.

2 years ago, we appointed Matt Searles as Director of Training for the gospel partnership, with primary responsibility for the Ministry Training Course. The course was proving too large to be run without someone dedicated to it, to be a relational presence throughout the day, and to take on a significant amount of the teaching.



Matt has also developed the evening courses, and is able to preach and offer training at churches throughout the region. Our desire is to keep Matt's role going, and to increase his time to 5 days per week once he completes his doctorate.

To this end we are seeking to raise £10,000 per year. We would like both individuals ('patrons') and churches to participate, in order to continue to develop the Gospel Partnership, and support the work of churches in the region. If you can contribute, however small or great the amount, please see details on the website: www.scgp.org.uk.

Newsletter

We send out a termly newsletter by email, to individuals and churches who would like to be kept informed of Gospel Partnership events, and giving prayer points. If you would like to receive this newsletter, or receive hard copies of flyers about different events, please sign up at the website: www.scgp.org.uk