
The Programme 2020-21

Our teachers are experienced theologians from the region, including our staff, visiting academics and church leaders. The programme is delivered through seven study days on Saturdays, held at the University of St Mark & St John in Plymouth. The dates for 2020-21 are: September 5, October 17, November 21, January 16, March 6, May 8, & June 5. For those less confident about returning to study after a time away the Study Skills evening on September 9 is a particularly helpful introduction, but attendance there is required of all students.

For students studying for credit, these classes are supported by online sessions and resources and interspersed with smaller local group mid-week evening meetings, called Reflective Practice Seminars (dates and locations for 2020-21 to be confirmed). These gather twice in between each Saturday and are designed to develop, follow up and apply the teaching. Recordings and other online activities are delivered through Moodle, our virtual learning environment.

Fees

Fees are unchanged from last year; for studying for credit: £100 registration (non-refundable) + (3 x £360) = £1,180, includes Saturday lunches. (Anglicans in the process of discernment and recommended to study by the DDO may obtain a bursary towards this. Please ask.) Those sitting-in pay £45 per Saturday. Alternatively, up to the date of the first weekend, sitters-in may pay £300 for all the Saturdays.

How to Apply

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Enquiries We welcome enquiries and can offer information about our Open Days (held on some Saturdays during the current Residential weekends at Marjon, Plymouth). For more about our vision and values visit swmtc.org.uk Please contact Academic Administrator (academicadmin@swmtc.org.uk) or Training Coordinator & Administrator (admin@swmtc.org.uk)

Registration This should normally be completed before the end of August although it may be possible to attend the first Saturday study day of the course before committing to study. For a registration form please contact the Academic Administrator: academicadmin@swmtc.org.uk. There are no interviews.

Entry Requirements

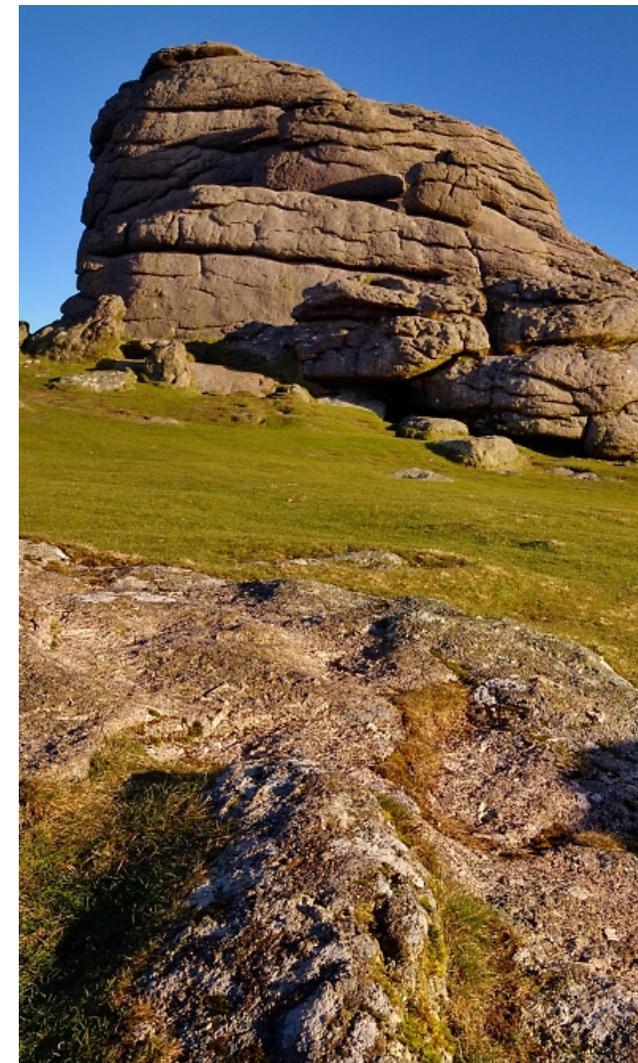
Certificate The basic requirement is one A-level or equivalent but please contact the Academic Registrar (academic@swmtc.org.uk) if you do not meet this as some alternative experiences or qualifications are acceptable. *Diploma* Previous award of Certificate. *BA (Hons)* Previous award of Diploma. Sitting in Open to all.



For details of other courses run by the College (Foundations in Christian Ministry or for Ordinands and Readers) please contact the Training Coordinator and Administrator: admin@swmtc.org.uk

SOUTH WEST MINISTRY TRAINING COURSE

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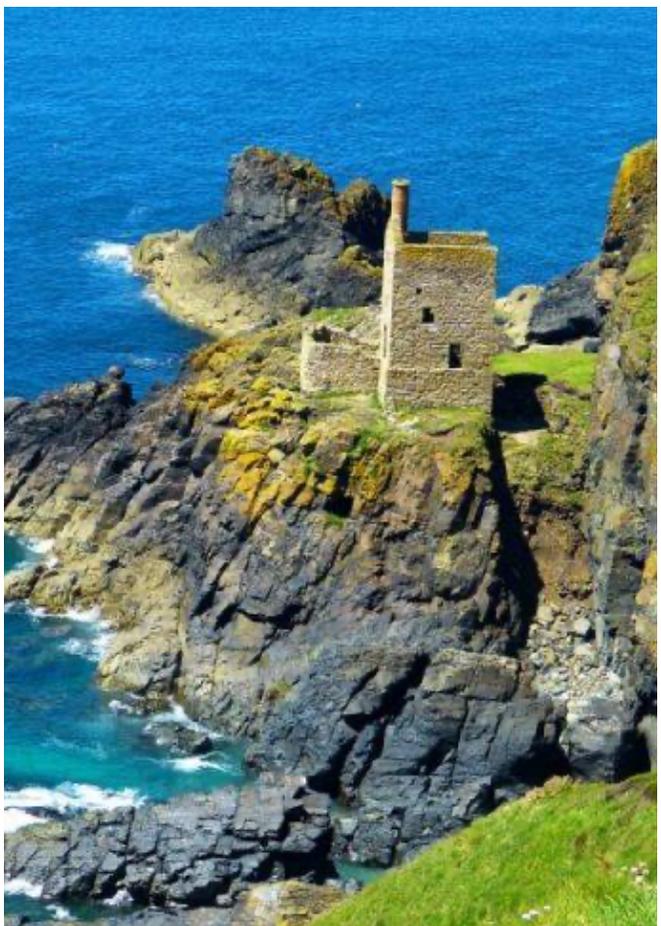


NEW ENCOUNTERS IN THEOLOGY

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The good news comes knocking on doors that we didn't even know we had; it flings open the curtains on windows we didn't know existed to reveal the rising sun flooding the room with glory when we had imagined that all light came from candles; it woos our cold hearts and awakens them, like someone falling in love for the first time, to a joy and fulfilment never before imagined...

Tom Wright



Adventurous Faith

- growing together in the grace of God, we take risks in the Spirit. Faithful to God in prayer, practical skills put flesh on the bones of our theological studies, and spiritual formation breathes life into our service. Our adventures of faith in church, work and world weave together with integrity with our academic study.

Missional Hope

- sharing God's gift of a living hope in Jesus Christ, we train leaders to make and nurture disciples, and be creative in all dimensions of God's mission. We prepare ministers to serve others with trust and joy.

Grounded Love

- rooted in God's love, we support and encourage one another. We believe in the power of prayer, celebrating our unity in diversity, and having fun as we learn together. We are proud to know and serve the South West, its villages and cities, its hills, moors and coastal communities.

Training for everyone

As a College we believe that the best way we can help others to allow the Good News to shine in on our lives is by taking seriously the call to study theology. This goes beyond academic exercise, for our vision is one that forms us to be Christ-centred and world-engaging. We seek to cultivate adventurous faith, missional hope and grounded love and believe that this is best done in community. Our goal is to equip leaders for mission and Church growth in the South West and beyond. As a leading provider of theological education in the region we equip Christ-followers with the resources needed to be effective leaders in the Church today.

The College's academic programmes will help you learn about the Bible and the many ways Christian thinkers have tried to understand God's ways. Our courses will deepen your knowledge of Christianity so that you can better serve as a disciple of Christ. They are validated by Durham University, as part of the Church of England's Common Awards, and enable independent students to study part-time, alongside those training for ministry as Ordinands and Readers in the Church of England.

Lord's Prayer, Nicene Creed, Magnificat

Each year, students embark on study towards a Certificate (120 credits over two years) or a Diploma (240 credits over four years) in Theology, Ministry and Mission. It is possible to extend this to take a BA over six years. These courses are particularly suitable for those who have taken the College's one year introductory course: Foundations in Christian Ministry. Students who do not wish to study for credit may attend all Saturday classes as 'sitters-in'.

Our course is shaped by three core texts of the Christian faith: the Lord's Prayer, Nicene Creed and the Magnificat. These provide the backbone of our studies and are integrated throughout the different modules. In the first year, independent students study 'Introduction to the Bible', 'Introduction to Christian Doctrine and History', 'Introducing Theological Reflection' (online) and 'Foundations for Ministry and Worship in Context'. The following year they study modules on 'Human identity' and others which allow them to pursue their interests through further guided studies in the Bible and doctrine. Our aim throughout is to create a pattern of formation: *lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi* -As we worship, so we believe, so we live!