

# Kings *Internship*

and Ministry Training Programme



**King's Church** *Durham*

Building Community - Living for God



## The Kings *Internship*

The Kings Internship is a discipleship programme for those wishing to learn and grow in the Christian faith through serving as part of a team within a church context. It has four elements:

1. Theological Study
2. Leadership Development
3. Mission
4. Church-based Ministry

We aim to provide Interns with a breadth of opportunity and experience. This is to facilitate the development of their relationship with and understanding of God, their personal and ministerial skills, and their ability and character as a leader.

The Internship can be undertaken on either a one or two year basis.

The first year provides a strong grounding in a wide variety of ministry areas. The second year, the 'Ministry Training Scheme', allows individuals to specialise in certain areas of Christian ministry whilst putting together a portfolio of recognised theological study.

## 1. Theological Study

The level of theological teaching provided on the Kings Internship is wide ranging and pitched at undergraduate degree level. Most weeks Interns spend 10 hours in lectures, seminars or personal study. Interns study the following areas:

- Biblical Studies, including New Testament, Old Testament and Hermeneutics
- Church History
- Historical and Systematic Theology
- Practical Theology and Leadership Development

Interns show evidence of their learning through essays, reflective writing and presentations. During the course of the year they will produce a portfolio of their work to give evidence for the level of study they have achieved.

### Training Team

The main trainers are from the Kings staff team including Dr Mark Bonnington (PhD), Ruth Perrin (MATM), Melody Briggs (MA) and Paul Burgess (MA). Dr Richard Briggs (PhD) teaches Old Testament and Hermeneutics.

We also draw on local theological teachers and visiting speakers from a variety of backgrounds and traditions, particularly from the Ichthus Network.



**Dr Mark Bonnington** taught New Testament studies for 12 years at St John's College, Durham.



**Ruth Perrin** has worked with YWAM and UCCF and previously ran 'transform:city' in Leeds & Bradford.





## 2. Leadership Development

Kings Interns grow as leaders through the teaching and experience in a wide variety of leadership opportunities. We also support their growth in faith and character during the year. Being stretched appropriately aids their growth, within a supportive environment.

Each intern keeps a journal to reflect on their experiences and also sets termly personal targets in order to be deliberate about their areas of growth. These are reviewed on a regular basis with a member of staff. They also meet weekly with the staff team for a time of worship, devotional reading and prayer.

As well as working alongside experienced, mature Christian leaders each intern is allocated:

- a **personal support person** who meets with them regularly to talk and pray about what they are learning.
- a **discipleship group** which meets fortnightly to discuss and pray thorough what they are learning, enjoying and finding a challenge.
- a **cell group** within the church, to become an integrated member of the church community.

Interns also attend periodic national training events with interns from other churches and backgrounds.

## 3. Mission

Interns are involved in weekly mission activities in and around Durham. From practical help on local housing estates, to worship and drama in the city centre, interns do a wide range of first contact evangelism each week.

They are also involved in a number of the church's mission activities such as a tots & toddlers group, meals for the elderly, free present wrapping at Christmas, and a late-night after hours drop-in. Interns take a significant lead in the 'June Project' (a church wide week of community service & mission activity) and help plan and lead the Alpha course, guest services and other events.

### Placements

Interns have weekly placements with other Christian agencies serving beyond the local church community. Typically each has a placement with vulnerable adults and a school or youth-based placement for around 5 hours a week. Placements are tailored to fit the interests and skills of each intern. The range of placement opportunities continues to grow.

Examples of placements in previous years have included:

- Prison ministry
- Aquila Way Housing Project
- Traidcraft
- Schools and youth ministries

### Mission Trips



Interns take part in a number of mission trips during the year - typically two domestic and one international trip - to work alongside other church communities. International trips to date have gone to Norway, Bosnia and France.

These experiences are invaluable for team-building, stretching faith and developing vision for the mission of the church across the world.



## 4. Church-based Ministry

Kings is a lively, evangelical and charismatic community church with a large student ministry. This affords us the opportunity to engage with a wide variety of people.

Interns are involved in practical service of the church on a Sunday but also in pastoral ministry, particularly with students, young people and children; many of them take leadership roles in our student cells and pastorates as well as leading Alpha courses, international student ministries and doing one-to-one discipleship and prayer ministry.

Depending on their gifts, Interns are also involved in leading worship and Sunday services, teaching the Bible, writing study resources, areas of technical and media ministry as well as creative arts, project management and hospitality.

We expect Interns to work hard and share our commitment to the biblical principle of servant leadership but we also give them opportunity to work alongside and learn from more experienced leaders and staff in the church to develop their gifts and character.



## Second Year Ministry Training Programme

This second year of training is a progression from the Kings Internship and is aimed at those who would like to:

- Further develop as a specialist in an area of church-based mission or ministry
- Gain further experience whilst exploring a vocation to Christian ministry
- Gain sufficient theological training to step into a formal degree programme

As well as involvement in the day to day running of the church, each Ministry Trainee will work alongside a member of the church staff (or other specialist) in order to gain experience and training in two of the following areas:

- Preaching and Teaching
- Pastoral Ministry
- Student Ministry
- International Student Ministry
- Youth & Children's Ministry
- Mission and Evangelism
- Community Development
- Media and Arts
- Administration and Logistics
- Worship Leadership

Ministry Trainees work more closely with the Kings staff team. They also undertake further theological study and professional training as appropriate - a counselling or an accountancy course, for example.



# Apply for the Internship

The Internship is for anyone over 18 who wants to spend an exciting and stretching year serving God in a growing church community. You will grow in faith, theological and biblical understanding, mission experience and develop new and existing gifts.

Whilst it is clearly an excellent starting point for those considering full-time Church Ministry in the future, the Internship also provides a thorough grounding for any Christian wanting to explore and get equipped for their part in God's plans.

## Programme Costs

The Internship (year 1) costs £1,050 plus living expenses. Many interns are eligible for housing benefit and council tax rebate and we will advise and support interns in raising financial support.

The Ministry Training Scheme (Year 2) has no course cost and successful applicants will receive a bursary towards their living costs.

## How to Apply

Applications for the Internship are normally made online. Applications normally close at the end of July.

Visit [www.kcd.org.uk/internship/apply](http://www.kcd.org.uk/internship/apply) to fill in the initial application form.

## Visit Kings

If you don't know Kings already, we invite you to visit to see who we are and what we do.

We meet on Sunday mornings 10:30am-12:15pm in The Fonteyn Ballroom, Dunelm House, New Elvet, Durham, DH1 3AN.

Please let us know when you will be visiting and we will be glad to meet you and make time to discuss the Internship programme with you.

## Contact Kings

If you would like to know more about King's Church Durham or the Internship Programme, please contact the church office at the address below:

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