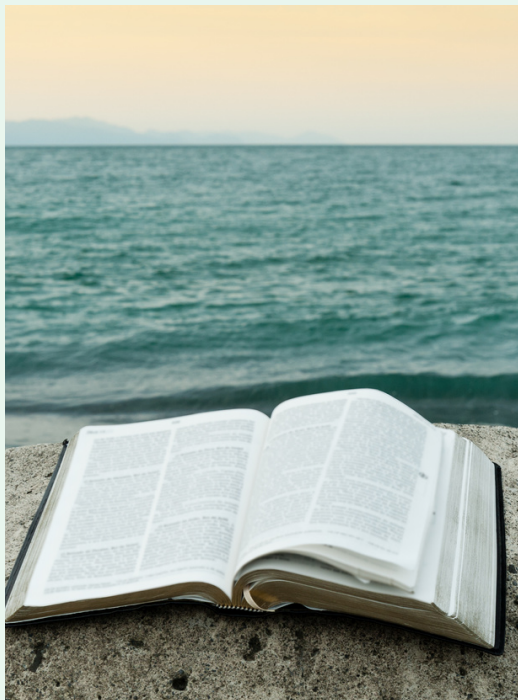


# **SWMTC**

**THEOLOGY FOR LIVING**



**NEW ENCOUNTERS IN THEOLOGY**  
**2023-2024**



### Training for everyone

Are you sensing the whisper of the Holy Spirit prompting you to explore deeper into your faith? Are you looking to develop your understanding of God's revelation in Jesus Christ? Would you welcome the opportunity to study theology that is Christ-centred, world-engaging and rooted in local communities?

The South West Ministry Training Course has been exploring and journeying for over 40 years, teaching and nurturing Christians from all backgrounds and traditions. We are a community of 'adventurous faith, missional hope and grounded love' exploring a 'Theology for Living'. Our goal is to equip Christ's followers with the spiritual, theological and practical resources to be missional disciples in the Church today.

SWMTC's academic programmes will help you learn about the Bible and the many ways Christian thinkers have tried to understand faith in God. 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 Licensed Lay Ministers (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 SWMTC's one year introductory course, Foundations in Christian Ministry. Students who do not wish to study for credit or write assignments may attend the NET course as 'sitters in'.

Our course is shaped by three core texts of the Christian faith: the Lord's Prayer, the Nicene Creed and the Magnificat. These provide the backbone of our studies and are woven thematically 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 go deeper into Bible and Doctrine as well as studying a module on 'Human identity'.

## The Programme 2023-24

The teaching programme is delivered through seven study days on Saturdays at Plymouth Marjon University. The dates for 2023-24 are: 1-2 Sept, 14 Oct, 25 Nov, 13 Jan, 2 Mar, 4 May, 8 June. Students come for the day, except for the first weekend when they stay overnight on Fri 1 Sept.

These study days are supported by a midweek lecture or Reflective Practice Seminar (mainly on Zoom) and online resources. Our teachers are experienced theologians from the region, including our staff, visiting academics and church leaders.

Various assignments are set for each module. Our Study Skills induction programme will help you find your feet with those. Most of our students have been away from formal study for many years.

## How to Apply

**Enquiries:** For more about our vision and values, visit our website [swmtc.org.uk](http://swmtc.org.uk). Please do also ring or email us for more information or come to an Open Day (held on some Saturdays during the residential weekends at Marjon, Plymouth).

**Registration:** Our Training Coordinator and Administrator ([admin@swmtc.org.uk](mailto:admin@swmtc.org.uk)) can email you a registration form. This should normally be completed before our Induction Day on 8 July (although it may be possible to attend the first Saturday study day in September before fully committing to study). There are no interviews.

**Entry Requirements:** The basic requirement to start the Certificate is one A-Level or equivalent but please contact the Academic Registrar ([academic@swmtc.org.uk](mailto:academic@swmtc.org.uk)) if you do not meet this as some alternative experiences or qualifications are acceptable. Sitting in is open to all.

**Fees for 2023-24:** £1395 p.a. (paid in three termly instalments). Anglicans in the discernment process for ordination and recommended to study by the Diocesan Director of Ordinands will have reduced fees of £1010. Those sitting in pay £60 per Saturday or £360 for all seven Saturdays.

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