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MINISTERIAL TRAINING

WITH ST HILD CENTRE FOR BAPTIST MINISTRY

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A growing college which is
pioneering, prayerful,
courageous and collaborative.

We train Baptists and Anglicans for ordination
and offer missional theological study and
ministry formation for all types of students.



Theological Training in Mission & Ministry

Flexible pathways, full/part-time, context-based
reflection and placements.



Ecumenical Staff

Rich variety of traditions and experiences in our
growing staff & associate team.



Teaching Centres

Sheffield, Mirfield, Lincoln, Online



Students

250 studying online or in-person. Short courses,
Foundation, Undergraduate, MA, PhD.

Centres & Growth

- **Centre for Baptist Ministry:** Welcomed into BUGB membership in 2024; MITs grew from 5 to 15 in year two; short courses; CMD; local church equipping.
- **Centre for Church Planting:** Short courses; learning communities; national conferences. Doctoral (DMin) cohort convener for 23 European leaders in partnership with Asbury Theological Seminary.
- **Anglican Ordinand & Reader Training:** At 3 Centres and online (over 100 students).
- **Online Training:** Over 100 students nationwide across diverse traditions in 2026.
- **Eco-College:** Bronze award by A Rocha.
- **Alternative Learning Pathway:** Non-standard learning pathway for ordination launching September 2026.
- **Centre for Christian Spirituality:** New PG modules, retreats/quiet days, and monthly online gatherings.



Quality & Recognition

- Office for Students (OfS): Eligible students can now access government loans, strengthening recruitment among younger independent students.
- Periodic External Review (PER): Outcome 'confidence' with 14 commendations, highlighting:
 - Culture of joy and mutual flourishing
 - High-quality missional theology modules
 - Collaborative, empowering leadership and teamwork
 - Innovative teaching & assessment (e.g., assessed conversations) with timely feedback
 - Commitment to engaging difference through a mission-focused lens.

"OfS registration affirms the quality of our teaching and student support, widening access to St Hild's formation for a new generation." – Justin Thacker (Dean of Studies)

"Our aim is to equip people for that calling through transformative community life, excellent theological learning and a contagious passion for God and the kingdom." – Daniel McGinnis (Principal)



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Adventurous and
Christ-like formation for
the renewal of the
church and the
transformation of
communities.

Innovative & Missional



Equipping leaders to present
the gospel afresh to each
generation.

UK-Wide Reach



A national centre based in the
North of England. Serving
churches and communities
across the country.

Collaborative Approach



Working with local churches to
raise up diverse leaders for
the future.

Who We Are

The St Hild Centre for Baptist Ministry trains new and existing Baptist ministers and equips others with excellent theological learning and a contagious passion for God's kingdom. For over a decade, we've contributed to Baptist training, and in 2024 we became the newest member college of the Baptist Union of Great Britain – the first new college to join in more than a century.

We're proud that every member of our Baptist staff and adjunct team is active in local/regional church ministry, alongside their teaching post (as is our College Principal). This keeps our approach fresh, realistic, practical, missional and empathetic.

What We Do

- Train Baptist Ministers – full formation for ministry, including theology, spiritual growth, and practical missional leadership. MiT and NAM.
- Continuing Ministerial Development – Open to all. Short courses for life-long learning in contemporary mission and ministry.
- Resources & Coaching for Local Church Teams – Helping grow missional leaders in our regions.
- Specialist in pioneering & church planting – innovative pathways for mission and ministry on the margins.
- Flexible Learning – study full-time or part-time, in person or online. Variety of courses and levels.



Teaching centres: Sheffield & Online



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Minister-in-Training Formation

We offer a fully accredited route for people recommended for Baptist Ministerial formation. Our training maps to the national BUGB Marks of Ministry, which describes the character and competencies of Baptist Ministers. You will experience formation through a range of theological/academic input and reflection on your practice, ministry and the development of your spirituality and personal character.

It all happens within the support of the St Hild College community, as a member of the Baptist cohort. One of our College's strengths is how you will learn at times alongside Anglican ordinands and independent students, sharing in a rich variety of traditions, perspectives and experience. Our staff team brings wide ecumenical and local-church experience, enabling grounded, mission-minded formation.

Time Commitment: The MIT programme is typically 3-years, with a 2-year programme available for those with significant prior ministry experience or RLM. The different elements of MIT training tend to require one's full time commitment. It is recommended that MITs allow an average of 2-3 days for their college training, 2-3 days for church placements, plus important space for your personal and social life. Depending upon your circumstances we're always open to helping you to design flexible patterns to suit your needs and capacity.

Fees information : <https://sthild.org/fees2>



Structure of MiT Training

Theological/Academic formation <i>Term times</i> <i>Range of under/post-graduate qualifications accredited by Durham University</i>	- Majority of training occurs at our Sheffield Teaching Centre (Monday daytime). This is our preferred training method. - Online training is fully supported (Thursday evenings) to help those with challenging geography or life circumstances. - Academic pathways designed to match your prior experience and capabilities
Reflective practice in community	- Spiritual, character, skills, reflection on praxis, shared community, worship. - In-person monthly gatherings in Sheffield of MITs led by experienced missional practitioners, with regular specialist inputs (Wednesday daytimes) - Following a rolling 3-year programme. - Missional Leadership sessions across the terms (Monday pm) - Frequent online prayer and cohort catch-ups
Local Church Placement Shorter Alternative Placement	3-year placement (part-time) with a Baptist church as a Minister in Training. Arranged after careful mutual agreement with your Baptist Association, College and the local church - Financial support and time dedicated to study/formation, retreats, and personal development away from placement - Oversight and support from a local Baptist Minister, plus a personal support-group - Short-term placement in an different context for broader experiences
Retreats & Conferences	- Compulsory attendance at annual retreat alongside other St Hild MITs & NAMs from around the UK. - Strongly encouraged to attend annual missional leadership conference as a MIT cohort, alongside St Hild staff.
Ongoing support from St Hild tutors	- Mix of regular in-person meetings, and video/phone calls with core St Hild staff, and local tutors. - Formation and academic tutorial support.



Ministerial Formation Programme (sample)

In addition to your academic pathway, A sample of topics typically included in our 3-year rolling programme of ministerial formation. This aims to help integrate spiritual, character and skills formation within the BUGB Marks of Ministry. The programme is complemented by MITs' experience of theological/academic learning, worship and prayer rhythms, missional leadership training, ministry in a local church, retreats, tutor and peer group support.

Sessions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Session 1 September	New Beginnings	Induction and "retreat"	Induction and "retreat"
Session 2 October	Church Planting 1	Disciple Making Movement	Rule of Life – longevity in ministry
Session 3 November	Gender justice and Project Violet	Dying & Funerals	Practical ministry skills/rites of passage – weddings, funerals, baptisms, dedications, membership (Overnight intensive)
Session 4 January	Church Planting 2	Missional Movement Through the Local church	Discipleship, equipping others & growing gospel confidence in the church
Session 5 February	Healthy leadership and culture change	Dealing with Pornography (and other addictions) in the church	Enabling Neurodivergent and people with other disabilities to flourish in church and mission
Session 6 March	Understanding your Personality Profiles	Growing an Inter-Ethnic Church	Human sexuality – theology, lived experience & pastoral care
Session 7 May/April	Conflict Transformation	Growing Children Youth & Family work	Preaching & communication and facilitation skills
Session 8 May	Mission to 18–30's	Slow wisdom and the church meeting	Integrating pastoral care & safeguarding in contemporary society
Retreat June	Retreat: Spirituality & Missional Leadership	Retreat: 5Q & Wholehearted Leadership	Pastoral ministry, diverse spiritualities and community transformation

 **Next Steps** We hope you will be open to taking this exploratory discussion further. Please feel free to be in touch:



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