

## **msm Stoke on Trent 2010 - Equipping Pioneers**

Following very fruitful Fresh Expressions **mission shaped ministry** courses in Stafford, Telford and Shrewsbury **msm** is to be available in Stoke on Trent commencing in October 2010.

The one-year **mission shaped ministry** course is designed to equip pioneers of 'fresh expressions' of church and is suitable for clergy, church leaders, teams and anybody involved in, or exploring, new ways of exploring mission and evangelism.

**msm Stoke on Trent 2010** will be based at The Potter's House, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church at The Bridge Centre in Birches Head, Stoke on Trent but is not limited to local participants. Applications are invited from all surrounding areas.

**msm Stoke on Trent 2010** will consist of 6 Thursday evenings, 3 Saturdays and a Study Weekend during which participants will complete up to 30 units covering a range of topics from a theological understanding of mission to planting and sustaining a fresh expression. Learning will also be through coaching in small groups and personal mentoring. The cost will be £295 per participant, which includes course materials, refreshments, including a 2 course lunch on the Saturdays, and the Study Weekend.

The course material has been written by the national Fresh Expressions team which includes Revd. Dr. Steve Croft (Archbishop's Missioner) and Bob and Mary Hopkins (Anglican Church Planting Initiatives) and has received many recommendations.

*"Mission Shaped Ministry is ideal for all those wanting to embrace new ways of being church in a practical way and vital for those already engaged in fresh expressions"*

Diane Louise Jordan – Presenter, Songs of Praise

*"I wholeheartedly recommend this course to all churches in the UK as we seek to work together for the further establishment of God's Kingdom. The course is designed to equip all God's people for the task of establishing authentic and effective Church for this and future generations."*

Stuart Bell – Leader 'Ground Level Network'

Feedback from previous **msm** courses has been very positive: -

*"I nearly didn't sign up for the "Fresh Expressions" one year course because I thought I would have, "heard it all before". Also I thought it was for younger people not for a vicar who has just turned sixty! The cost and the time commitment were also an issue, but I'm very glad I have done it as it has given me a lot of fresh thinking. If we are going to have a church in the 21st century it is important that church leaders set a lead by learning themselves. The teaching was excellent and of course you learnt as much from other participants from other churches and other denominations. Don't miss it as I nearly did."*

The Revd. Paul Howard *msm* Stafford 2008

*"What a journey. The Course has been amazing. We as a group all got on so well."*

Margaret Penfold *msm* Telford 2009

An exciting, challenging and inspirational course that encourages and enables new ways of exploring the mission of the Church today  
Methodist Telford Circuit

**Further details of *msm* Stoke on Trent 2010 are available from *msm* Administrator, Anne Riddle on 01782 769532 / 07974 197806 or by e-mail on [anne.riddle1@ntlworld.com](mailto:anne.riddle1@ntlworld.com).**

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