

# FOOTSTEPS



Footsteps is for me the definitive course for anyone wishing to develop their knowledge and understanding of their Christian faith regardless of academic background. The tutors are engaging and have expertise in the subjects they teach. I have especially appreciated learning more about the different forms of spirituality, particularly the Celtic tradition, and I've been encouraged to extend my own style of personal worship to incorporate these forms.

*Kathleen Weyers, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014-16*

I have found Footsteps 1 very interesting and thought provoking. It has challenged me spiritually to study my Bible more and also seek an even deeper relationship with God. The teachers are very engaging and they bring their personal experiences to the teaching which is very helpful. I really like the times when we break into smaller groups to pray. We not only pray but also share life's issues with each other and it is very refreshing. I do share the things I learn with my wife so Footsteps is a double whammy for me!



*Bode Akinbiyi, Footsteps 1, 2015-16*



I've gained bits of knowledge and experience over the years which have been tucked away in my mind... somewhere! Footsteps 1 is the perfect course for me as I'm being challenged to bring order and understanding into my life – spiritually and theologically – as I seek clarity and purpose to serve God effectively. I confess to being outside my comfort zone quite often but everyone is really supportive of one another which is one of the reasons why the course is so successful and enjoyable.

*Ali Irwin, Footsteps 1, 2015-16*

I have found Footsteps engaging, enlightening, exciting, intriguing and inspiring, surprising and stimulating, but not always at the same time. I have learned and laughed, prayed and applauded, deepened existing relationships and made new friends. God knows what we will do together next!



*Chris van Es, Footsteps 1 and 2, 2014-16*

You can download the CBA Footsteps Information Pack

- from the CBA website
- at [www.rpc.ox.ac.uk](http://www.rpc.ox.ac.uk) and follow links to College Life > Community Learning > Footsteps
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DEVELOP YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS



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A course for everyone living out their faith in local churches and communities

**Footsteps** is designed for anyone who wants a deeper understanding of their faith and to develop skills useful for their particular ministry.

**Footsteps 1**, the one year course, has been running for several years.

It is now possible to continue with a 2nd one year course — **Footsteps 2**.

### Who runs it?

Footsteps is a partnership between Regent's Park College, Oxford and the Central Baptist Association and the Southern Counties Baptist Association.

### When does it happen?

Footsteps 1 [and 2] are held on 10 Saturdays, September to June, from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. The dates for 2016-17 are:

10TH SEPTEMBER	4TH FEBRUARY
8TH OCTOBER	4TH MARCH
5TH NOVEMBER	1ST APRIL
3RD DECEMBER	6TH MAY
7TH JANUARY	10TH JUNE

### Where does Footsteps meet in CBA?

Footsteps 1 [and 2] meet at the Church of Christ the King, Frithwood Crescent, Kents Hill, Buckinghamshire, MK7 6HG

### What happens each Saturday?

There are five interactive sessions, opportunities for worship and prayer all together and in small groups, as well as informal times to chat over coffee breaks and lunch.

### Are there any previous requirements?

Footsteps is open to everyone, whatever you have studied or not studied in the past. But we do ask that you have the support of your local church.

### What does it cost?

For 2016-17 the cost is £330.

We encourage your church to pay two-thirds.

I really didn't know what to expect and the first day was a bit daunting. Since then I have learnt so much and it is all really interesting. The day flies by and it is quite interactive with lots of discussion, and actually I always find the sessions end too soon! I thought the history side could be a bit dry but actually it is fascinating. It is really nice to get to know other People from different churches in greater depth, who share something in common. We are able to support one another.

*Lynn Atkinson, Footsteps 1, 2015-16*

It's been a really good time of learning and has allowed us to go deeper into the Bible, our faith and our understanding of who God, as well as looking at some Baptist history and principles. Each tutor has been first class and has helped us to understand their subject and each stream in the course has been incredibly informative. The Prayer groups have enabled us to get to know individuals more intimately and share how we are doing with the subjects and our own lives; they have been invaluable.

*Martyn Strong, Footsteps 1, 2015-16*

Footsteps is a course designed to broaden our knowledge and deepen our understanding of our faith and it does just that. What excites me on a Saturday as we gather together is seeing all these ordinary people with a deep desire to grow closer to and more like Jesus who we are privileged to serve. Most people travel a fair distance to Footsteps and everyone uses up 1 of the weekend days to do this. Everyone is as excited now as they were at the beginning.

*Yvette Masters, Footsteps 1, 2015-16*

### What will we study in Footsteps 1?

There are 9 streams which run through the year:

- Understanding the Bible
- Understanding our Faith
- Deepening Spirituality
- Mission, Evangelism and Culture
- Baptist History and Principles
- Pastoral Care
- Leadership Skills
- Preaching Skills
- Leading Worship

While everyone studies 5 of the subjects together, there are also some option choices.

### What can I expect?

- Interactive participation in sessions.
- A little preparation between Saturdays.
- The opportunity to keep a journal during the year.
- The **option** of writing some assignments.
- Challenge and inspiration from the sessions and from the prayerful support of leaders and fellow participants.

### What will I receive?

A growing understanding of ministry and mission as you explore faith in the context of a supportive group. [There is also a final Reunion evening at which certificates are presented!]

### Find out more... Who to contact?

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