

FOOTSTEPS

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 everyone who wants to deepen their faith and to develop their understanding and skills as they serve God in local churches and communities.

Footsteps 1 is a one year course which has now been running for 7 years in CBA. **Footsteps 2** is the 2nd year of the course for those who wish to continue.

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

Dates for 2019-20:

Footsteps 1 and 2 will held on the following 10 Saturdays, September to June, from 10 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

21st September

12th October

9th November

7th December

11th January

8th February

14th March

25th April

16th May

13th June

Venue:

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

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.

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

What does is cost?

For 2019-20 the cost is £330. We encourage your church to pay 2/3rds. There may also be some assistance available from the CBA through training grants.

I was looking for a course which would cover all aspects of faith—and was local. I found Footsteps—which covers a variety of topics and is also warm and welcoming. The group comes from different churches and we soon form friendships so that, as we worship and pray together, we encourage one another along the way. I would highly recommend Footsteps.

Jill Halton, Footsteps 1, 2018-19



What will we study in Footsteps 1?

There are 9 teaching streams which run through the year.

5 are core subjects that everyone studies together:

- Understanding the Bible
- Understanding our Faith
- Deepening Spirituality
- Mission, Evangelism and Culture
- Baptist History and Principles

4 are option subjects from which students choose TWO:

- Pastoral Care *or* Exploring Worship
- Leadership Skills *or* Preaching Skills

What can I expect?

- Interactive participation in sessions.
- Some preparation, on occasions, 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 Celebration Evening at which certificates are presented!]

Lay Training recognised by CBA and 'Baptists Together':

For anyone who is seeking to be recognised formally as a Lay Leader, Footsteps 1 and 2, with all assignments successfully completed, fulfil the *academic* requirement.

[Ask the CBA Regional Ministers for full details of all that is involved.]

To find out more

- ♦ e-mail: community.learning@regents.ox.ac.uk
- ♦ write to: Community Learning, Footsteps
Regents Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford, OX1 2LB

To download the CBA Footsteps Information Pack

- ♦ go to CBA website > Footsteps training
- ♦ or www.rpc.ox.ac.uk and follow links to About Regent's > Study here > Community Learning > Footsteps

F O O T S T E P S



I hoped Footsteps would help me better to understand and apply God's word for my life and give me confidence to talk to people with whom I am regularly in contact about the relevance and need of God in today's world. The course has not disappointed: the very thought-provoking times are the most enjoyable, challenging me to think differently and encouraging me to consider things from a different perspective. Coming with an open mind and a willingness to learn helps me get the most from sessions. I feel Footsteps has helped to underpin my faith, has set me along the path to realising the aims that I first hoped for — and much more.

John Richards, Footsteps 1, 2018-19

I have felt repeatedly drawn to do Footsteps, but worried about the commitment involved. However, it has been really enjoyable and I have not felt pressured by the workload but rather, eager to explore all that God has for me to learn. The speakers are interesting and helpful and I have been challenged about the way that I think about many things. I've been given a chance to go deeper with the Lord and to meet like-minded people who have a strong desire to see what God has for them! I have taken Preaching as one option because I felt most ill-equipped for this, and it has given me quite a confidence boost. I am so glad that I have joined the course and am considering Footsteps 2 because I have benefitted so much from Footsteps 1.



Mychelle Oke, Footsteps 1, 2018-19



I joined Footsteps as I wanted to enhance my understanding of the Christian faith and better equip myself for service as a Christian. I'm delighted to say that the course has done just this. I certainly feel that I have a deeper understanding of key aspects of my faith and feel more confident in being able to share these with others. With increasingly busy lives, simply taking a day out each month to focus on this has been extremely valuable. As well as the excellent and often challenging teaching, it's also great to spend time together in our small pastoral groups to share issues that we might be experiencing and pray for one another. I would highly recommend the course to anyone looking to move forward in their Christian journey.

Matt Wise, Footsteps 1, 2018-19