



St Helen's  
Bishopsgate

## **St Helen's associate scheme**

Training disciples for Bible-teaching ministry

‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’

LUKE 10:41–42 ESVUK



# Why training?

## Listening to Jesus

**In Luke 10:41–42, Jesus tells us the one thing that matters most: to sit at his feet and listen to his word.** But for this to happen, each generation must be taught how to handle and teach the Bible well. We want to train men and women to serve God's church by helping them sit at Jesus's feet. That is why we run the associate scheme.





# Bible training

## at Cornhill

**The scheme has been designed to have a particular focus on in-depth Bible training.** This takes place in two ways. Firstly, associates spend one day every week at the Cornhill training course. This covers a range of Bible books, biblical theology, doctrine, aspects of ministry practice, and Christian character taught by a faculty of expert lecturers. It also involves weekly teaching practice groups where participants regularly deliver short talks and receive feedback.





# Bible training at St Helen's

**In addition to Cornhill, our in-house trainers also run weekly training sessions at St Helen's. Taking place in seminar groups, they cover Philippians, Malachi, and 1 Peter in the first year, and Isaiah in the second.**

Each associate is encouraged to spend up to six hours a week in focussed preparation for these sessions. This emphasis on rigorous personal study and trainer-led group work is a distinctive feature of our scheme, and adds intensive Bible study training to the foundation given at Cornhill.

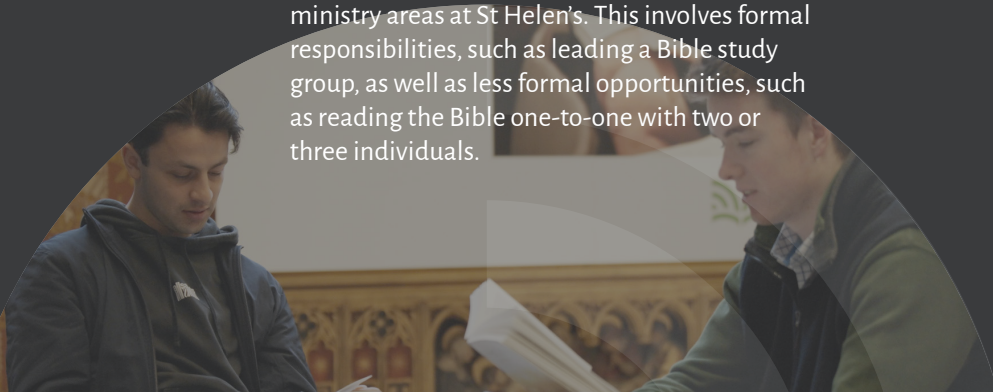




# Ministry experience

## Hands-on training

**Associates are also trained through real-life ministry experience.** Every associate serves on a team within one of the congregations or ministry areas at St Helen's. This involves formal responsibilities, such as leading a Bible study group, as well as less formal opportunities, such as reading the Bible one-to-one with two or three individuals.





# Practical service

## Enabling ministry

**Finally, ministry training on the associate scheme also involves practical service.** For those in their first year, this mostly involves cleaning our church buildings and preparing them for use. In their second year, associates are given administrative duties within their ministry area. Though not glamorous, practical service prepares associates for servant-hearted ministry in the real world and helps them understand the behind-the-scenes support which enables word ministry.





# Why St Helen's?

## Focus on Jesus—together

**St Helen's is a large, diverse, and thriving church in the City of London that is known worldwide for its Bible teaching ministry.**

For many years we have been training men and women rigorously for a lifetime of Bible teaching, and those trained here now serve in churches all over the UK and the world.

Associates at St Helen's benefit in several ways from training in such a place:

- **being part of a large team** of trainees growing and exploring the Bible together

- **receiving in-depth and focussed training** from specialised ministry trainers
- **meeting regularly with a mentor** assigned to support and supervise them.

During their time at St Helen's, associates also gain much from their involvement in a wide range of other ministries, including youth and children's work, music ministry, walk-up evangelism, and ministry with internationals.





# Should I apply?

## Thinking it through

Many applicants will be thinking of a future in full-time Bible teaching ministry, but this is not necessary to apply.

### Applicants for the scheme should be:

- **committed to the Bible** as God's inspired and sufficient revelation
- **eager to study and teach** the Bible better
- **keen to grow** in Christian character and maturity

- **willing to serve** and cheerfully take on tasks around the church
- **able to work with others** on the scheme and within their ministry area.



## Associate

Will

'Spending every day working with people and thinking: "How can I encourage them from God's word?" is a really great use of my time.'



## Associate

Isobel

'I'm enjoying doing ministry in a cross-cultural context, learning how to read the Bible better and how to share it with other people. My fellow associates are amazing and I love doing ministry alongside them.'



## Associate

Zhihao

'Being part of the associate scheme has been a real highlight in my life. I enjoy dedicating more time to the Bible, whether it's reading it personally, participating in Bible training courses and sessions, or doing Bible studies with individuals or in a group. Gaining practical experience in the behind-the-scenes workings of a church has been invaluable.'



# Find out more

## Get in touch

All applicants will be invited for interview and informed afterwards if they have a place. Associates are responsible for raising their own financial support and must be eligible to volunteer in the UK. However, we can provide fundraising and visa application assistance during this process, as well as offering accommodation where possible.

Please contact:

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‘What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.’

2 TIMOTHY 2:2 ESVUK