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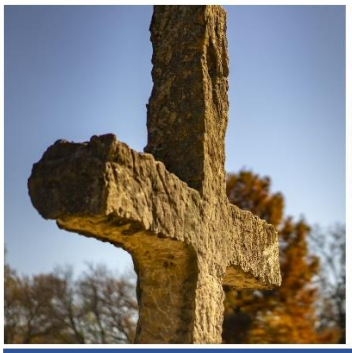

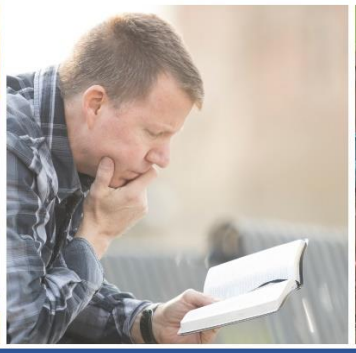

# MA in Theology, Ministry, and, Mission

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## ABOUT ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

St Padarn's is the training arm of the Church in Wales. It seeks to play its part in equipping and empowering God's people across the world to communicate God's transformative love.

## WHY STUDY THE MA IN THEOLOGY, MISSION, AND MINISTRY?

On the MA in Theology, Ministry, and Mission you will explore and engage with the teachings and traditions of the Christian Church through a balance of academic study and practical application. This exciting course will give you a grounding in practical theology and biblical studies, then allow you to tailor your study to suit your interests or background – whether practical theology, doctrine, Old Testament, New Testament, spirituality, mission, or church history. Within your chosen subjects, there will be much freedom for you to concentrate on your own specific areas of interest or root your study in your own situation or locality.

Whatever your background, the programme will encourage you to understand, critique, and develop your daily discipleship and ministerial practice through study and reflection.

## A DISTINCTIVE MASTERS DEGREE

**Our programme is contemporary and engaging:** The MA is rooted in today's world, recognising that our faith comes alive when it is applied to our everyday lives, not least when we engage with contemporary thinking, culture and scholarship.
**Our programme is flexible and convenient:** The degree is geared towards your needs. The course is delivered in a way that gives time and freedom to those who are busy with ministry, who have other jobs, or who live further away. The timetable aims not to overburden individuals.
**Our programme tutors are respected in their fields:** The MA draws on internationally-recognised expertise. Your tutors are experts in various theological and biblical fields and their academic work is renowned to be sensitive to current issues in ministry and in the public eye.

## The Teaching Team

### Revd Professor Jeremy Duff

is the Principal at St Padarn's Institute. He has a particular passion for formation and mission. His specialisms are in New Testament Studies and Leadership Development. Until recently he was the vicar of a deprived urban community near Liverpool.

**Revd Canon Dr Trystan Owain Hughes** is Programme Leader for the MA (Theology, Mission, and Ministry) at St Padarn's. He is widely published in church history and theology, including 7 books published by SPCK, BRF, and UWP. He is Canon Theologian at Llandaff Cathedral.

### Revd Dr Mark Griffiths

is part of the St Padarn's team with responsibility for Discipleship, Newly Licensed Ministers and Children, Young People and Families Ministry Development. He was Head of Children and Family Ministry for New Wine for 13 years and has worked for several local churches holding positions from children's pastor and associate pastor to senior minister. His PhD is in church growth and child evangelism.

**Revd Dr Manon Ceridwen James** is Dean for Initial Ministerial Training at St Padarn's. Her research interests include Welsh Contextual Theology, Feminist Theology, and the use of Poetry within Theological Research. Manon's PhD has been published by University of Wales Press as 'Women, Identity and Religion in Wales: Theology, Poetry'.

**Revd Dr Julian Raffay** is Director of Chaplaincy Studies at St Padarn's. He has worked extensively in mental health chaplaincy and significant experience of parish ministry. He recently served as a research chaplain. Julian has served in High Secure services. He has published widely. His thesis was on the 'Relationships Between Mental Health Services and Faith Communities'. Julian's academic interests include ethics, coproduction, and grounded theory.

**Revd Dr Jordan** is Director of Formation at St Padarn's. He completed his PhD at St Andrews. His specialist subjects are Christian doctrine and ethics. Jordan has an extensive publication record.

**Dr Charlie Shepherd** is Director of Learning Strategy, Resources and Technology at St Padarn's. He is a biblical scholar with a Durham PhD. His expertise is in Old Testament Theology and Theological Hermeneutics. Charlie has considerable experience in biblical languages.

## HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?

The MA Theology, Mission, and Ministry is a Postgraduate Degree validated by Durham University and delivered through St Padarn's Institute. The programme is flexible and has been designed to enable those working lay or ordained,or that have busy lives to study. It is a part-time course (two years plus dissertation) that is split between three-day residentials, online provision, and day courses. Students will enjoy challenging and interactive teaching and learning strategies.

Two of the residentials will take place from Monday to Wednesday at our site in Cardiff, where we enjoy an extensive library and well-equipped teaching rooms. You are welcome to worship alongside members of our theological college in our attractive chapel. Our en-suite accommodation is modern and purpose-built. It is also possible (and recommended) that you arrive on Sunday night to give yourself extra lead in time and access to tutors and library.  There is no extra charge for arriving on Sunday.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Our Masters programme is suitable for graduates in Theology or Religious Studies, although significant experience of ministry can also be taken into account. While it is primarily aimed at people engaged in Christian ministry (lay or ordained), members of some other professional groups (e.g. medicine, social work, teaching) will find it equally valuable, as will individuals who have undertaken an undergraduate degree in theology or religious studies and want to further their learning.

## WHAT MODULES ARE OFFERED?

To complete the Masters programme you will need to complete a 180 credits. This includes six taught modules (120 credits) and on successful completion of this taught stage you will progress to your dissertation (60 credits).

The following are the modules on our curriculum. You will be required to undertake **the first three modules (year one)**, whereupon you will then **choose three other modules (year two)**, the assignments of which will all, in consultation with an academic tutor, be tailored to your interest or situation.

| **Year one**<br>Postgraduate Certificate | **Year two**<br>Postgraduate Diploma | **Year three**<br>MA |
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| Research and Reflection<br>Practical Theology<br>The Bible and the Christian Faith | Advanced Study of a Christian Figure<br>Advanced Study of a Theological Text<br>Advanced Biblical Studies<br>Independent Learning Project | Dissertation<br>15,000 words |

## WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The MA Theology, Ministry, and Mission is validated by Durham University which is part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities. Applications to be received by the 31 July for September start.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Tina Franklin, Postgraduate and Registry Coordinator:
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