



# MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission

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Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Bible? Do you want to expand the horizons of your theological understanding? Do you want to hone your skills for ministry, mission, and leadership? Do you want to explore how your faith relates to the realities of today's world? If yes, St Padarn's MA is the course for you.

## **WHY STUDY ST PADARN'S MA IN THEOLOGY, MINISTRY, AND MISSION?**

Our MA in Theology, Ministry, and Mission is accredited by Durham University which is part of the prestigious Russell Group and one of the top universities for theology in the world. St Padarn's vision for theological education combines academic excellence with commitment to formation and mission, and the MA course is very much a reflection of that vision. It will give you a good grounding in Biblical studies, Christian doctrine, missiology, practical theology, and will allow you to explore topics that are of particular importance to you. Within your chosen subjects, there will be much freedom to concentrate on your own specific areas of interest or root your study in your own situation or locality.

This is a flexible, part-time course, designed to serve people who juggle a variety of demands and commitments. It is delivered in a way that gives freedom to those who are busy with ministry, who have other jobs, or who live further away.

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.

## **FOR WHOM IS THIS MA?**

The MA is aimed primarily at those in lay or ordained Christian ministry and is open to all demoninations and theological traditions. It is also suitable for people who work for para-church organisations, whose mission field is the 'secular' workplace, or who seek to serve their local church in an informal capacity. Theology or religious studies graduates who want to further their learning will find it equally valuable.

## **WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?**

Applicants will normally have a degree in Theology or Religious Studies. However, there are alternative entry routes that allow people without formal theological education but with significant experience of ministry to apply. If that is you, please contact us for more information.

## **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.

## THE TEACHING TEAM

**Elizabeth Corsar** is Tutor in Biblical Studies at St Padarn's. She completed her PhD at the University of Edinburgh. Her research interests are the Gospel of John and the relationships between canonical and non-canonical texts.

**Jill Duff** is Bishop of Lancaster and former Principal of St Miletus North West. She has lectured extensively on Mission & Evangelism for many years and is an exceptional communicator.

**Siôn Aled Owen** is Tutor in Welsh Theology at St Padarn's. He has a PhD in theology and a PhD in bilingual education. He is a published poet in Welsh and English. His main theological research interest is the relationship between faith and cultural identity.

**Mark Griffiths** is part of the St Padarn's team with responsibility for Discipleship, Newly Licensed Ministers and Children, Young People & Families Ministry Development. He was Head of Children & Family Ministry for New Wine for 13 years. His PhD is in church growth and child evangelism.

**Jordan Hillebert** is Director of Formation and Tutor in Theology at St Padarn's. He has a PhD from the University of St Andrews. He teaches Christian doctrine and ethics, and his research interests are in the area of systematic theology and modern Christian thought.

**Charlie Hadjiev** is Programme Director of the MA course. He has a DPhil from Oxford University and extensive experience in theological education and Christian mission in UK and across Europe. His research interests include hermeneutics and Old Testament prophecy.

**Jane Williams** is the McDonald Professor in Christian Theology. She was also a visiting Lecturer in Theology at King's College London, having previously taught at Trinity College Bristol. She is an experienced editor, is regularly invited to teach and speak all over the world, and is involved in promoting theological education in other parts of the Anglican Communion.

## HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?

This is a part-time course (two years plus dissertation), designed to enable people with busy lives to study. It is delivered in a flexible way through three residenceals per year supplemented by online provision and support.

The residenceals 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.

## **WHAT MODULES ARE OFFERED?**

To complete the Masters programme you will need six taught modules and a 15,000 words dissertation on a topic of your choice. Current modules include:

### **The Bible and Christian Faith: Biblical Hermeneutics**

This module explores what it means to read the Bible well. Are there legitimate and illegitimate ways of interpreting Scripture? Who decides and based on what criteria? How is our reading of the Bible linked to reason, faith, emotion, tradition, and community?

### **Advanced Biblical Studies: The Gospel of John**

We will look at John's unique Christology and the way the gospel treats topics such as mission, discipleship, ethics, and "the Jews". We will also take into account how the gospel was interpreted by later generations of readers. Students will gain a vision of how biblical exegesis informs Christian life and ministry.

### **Christian Faith and the Environment**

How can the teachings and practices of the Christian faith inform our understanding of creation and our relationships with other creatures? Is there a distinctly Christian interpretation of, and response to, the present environmental crises?

### **Reflective Practice: Mission and Evangelism**

We will examine various biblical, historical, and theological perspectives on mission and will consider how they can be applied to specific local situations. Students will have opportunity to reflect on contemporary methods and strategies in mission and evangelism.

### **Advanced Topic in Christian Doctrine: The Trinity**

The God whom Christians worship is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God in Three Persons. This is the basis from which everything else we understand about God flows. This module will help us to explore why only this God is able to be our Creator and Saviour.

### **Research and Reflection**

Theological reflection is an important skill for effective Christian ministry. This module explores the nature and practice of this skill. We will look at different types and methods of research and consider how good research supports faithful Christian practice and ministry.

## **WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?**

Applications to be received by the 31 July for September start.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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