

## OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

To obtain this MA specialism students must complete six taught modules and a 15,000 word dissertation. It is possible to end the course after one year and receive a Postgraduate Certificate, or after two years and be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma.

Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Research Methods for Theological Reflection	Independent Learning Project	15,000 word dissertation
The Theology & Spirituality of the Child	Contemporary Practice in Mission to Children, Young People & Families	
Development of the Church's work with Children, Young People & Families	Leadership in Biblical and Contemporary Perspectives	

### Recent Guest Speakers include:

David Csinos, Carolyn Edwards, Howard Worsley, Irene Smale, Ann Casson, Esther Zimmerman...

### FEES

The MA qualifies for a student loan if no previous loan exists for study at this level. For further details: <https://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk/postgraduate-students/postgraduate-master-s-finance.aspx> or <https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study>

### DATES

Autumn 2024 15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Winter 2025 12 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Spring 2025 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Alumni 2025 16 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> June
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# MA Theology, Ministry and Mission for CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILY SPECIALISTS 2024-25

“St Padarn’s MA specialism in children, young people and families is probably the best such programmes in the UK – arguably as good as any in the world!”

Periodic External Review Report

## ABOUT ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE

St Padarn's is the Church in Wales' resource institution for theological education, under its statement *formation in community for mission* 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

**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 an urban community near Liverpool.

**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.

**Dr Jordan Hillebert** is Director of Formation at St Padarn's. He completed a PhD in Scotland (University of St Andrews), and is presently Tutor in Theology at St Padarn's. His specialist subjects are Christian doctrine and ethics.

**Dr George Lings** Former Director of Research for the Church Army and co-author of the Mission Shaped Church report alongside numerous books/reports looking at Messy Church and other Fresh Expressions. He brings decades of experience and theological reflection to his teaching.

**Lisa Lyall** Lisa Lyall is a pioneering force in Kids Ministry in the UK. She began as Kids Pastor 25yrs ago in her local church in Fraserburgh and has launched many new initiatives and built an extensive team of leaders. She led one of the Pentecostal denominations children's ministries for over a decade and continues to speak at conferences, equipping and training workers.

**Lucy Moore** was part of BRF and is the originator of Messy Church. For BRF she was responsible for developing the work of Messy Church nationally and internationally—writing, speaking, reflecting and developing Messy projects. She now works for the Growing Faith Foundation that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church.

**Yvonne Morris** is an accomplished author and Children's Adviser for the Diocese of Oxford, helping, supporting, training and advising churches and their workers on their ministry with children. Yvonne still gets to practise ministry locally at St Matthew's and Luke's Churches in Oxford, where she was Youth and Children's Minister for ten and a half years before taking up her diocesan role.

**Dr Sally Nash** is a St Padarn's Senior Research Fellow and she comes to the course with a wealth of experience including over 20 years work in theological education preceded by 15 years in training roles with Youth for Christ. She is widely published in the fields of mission and ministry with several of her books part of our core reading lists. She continues to research and publish extensively.

**Rick Otto** is the Diocesan Children's Advisor for the Manchester Diocese, and is former head of children and family ministry for the New Wine Trust. He brings his experience of many decades of working with children, young people and families in a range of different church based contexts.

**Matt Summerfield** Matt Summerfield is the Senior Pastor of Zeo Church. From 2000 to 2018 Matt served as CEO and, more recently, President at the youth and children's missionary movement, Urban Saints. He is passionate about releasing potential in people, teams and organisations, with a particular bias towards seeing children and young people live God's great adventure for their lives (hence still being a volunteer youth leader in his local church).

**Gary Smith** Originally from Leeds, Gary has lived in South Wales for over 25 years with his wife Lesley. He worked for many years as a full time staff member for The Boys' Brigade, helping launch and develop Boys Brigade initiatives across the UK. Gary developed Cardiff Street Pastors that deploys trained Christians to work on the streets of the city centre every Friday and Saturday night. In September 2015 Ignite merged with the Message Trust.

**Rachel Turner** was the Parenting for Faith Pioneer at Bible Reading Fellowship and has worked in churches for over 12 years as a Family Life Pastor, Children's Pastor, and Youth Pastor. She continues to consult, speak at conferences and run training days for parents and church leaders around the UK and Europe. Rachel is the author of five books, and a Parenting for Faith course.

## HOW THE COURSE IS DELIVERED

### Monday to Wednesday Intensives

The delivery method for this specialism concentrates all teaching into three intensive blocks (Monday to Wednesday) a year for two years. It has been designed specifically to meet the needs of those working with families, young people and children. In the standard programme, students will study three modules a year for two years, followed by a year of dissertation writing. Residentials take place at our site in Cardiff, where there is purpose built modern ensuite accommodation, catering, teaching rooms, common room and chapel. It is also possible (and recommended) that students arrive Sunday night to give themselves extra lead in time and access to tutors and library. There is no extra charge for arriving on Sunday.

### Sample Timetable for Residential Intensives

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
8:15am	Most students arrive on Sunday evening	Breakfast	
9:00am		Personal Study	Lecture (6)
10:30am		Tea & Coffee Break	
11:00am		Lecture (3)	Lecture (7)
12:30pm	Lunch		
1.30pm	Worship	Free	Free
2.00pm	Guest Lecture (1)	Lecture (4)	
	Tea & Coffee Break		
3:30pm	Lecture (2)	Lecture (5)	
5:00pm	Free Time		
6:00pm	Dinner		
7:00pm	Open Guest Lecture	Free	

### PRIORITISING EXPERIENCE

Our aim is to give practitioners the theological underpinning to inform and reinforce their practice. We therefore value experience over previous academic learning. If you don't have a previous degree, then as long as you have experience in the field of children, young people and/or families then we would be keen to receive an application from you.

### THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Master's Degree is accredited by Durham University as an MA in Theology, Ministry & Mission. This course is a specialism within that and all modules are specifically designed for children, young people and family workers. Durham University has a world class reputation and is part of the Russell Group of universities. The official cut off for applications is the end of July but a last minute rush isn't good for anyone. Get in touch and we can talk things through and get the process started in good time.

