



MINISTRY TRAINING AT ST JAMES

Ask the Lord of the harvest,
therefore, to send out workers
into his harvest field.

Matthew 9:38

A VISION FOR ST JAMES

BY GOD'S GRACE IN CHRIST, WE EXIST TO BE DISCIPLE-MAKING DISCIPLES IN THE UPPER NORTH SHORE OF SYDNEY, REACHING OUT TO THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

Our continued prayer at St James Turramurra is to see the lost won for Christ and the Body of Christ equipped to serve for the growth of God's Kingdom. We exist to be a disciple-making community whose primary purpose is the progress of the gospel. By God's enabling the growth of the church takes place as we prayerfully commit to five fundamental activities:

- **Share** the gospel
 - **Gather** regularly
 - **Build** up the Body
 - **Train** for ministry
 - **Send** gospel partners
- ENGAGE**
ENCOURAGE
ESTABLISH
EQUIP
EXTEND

As part of our ongoing commitment to equipping the saints, in our 120th year we are pleased to announce a new training initiative for our Parish, the **MINISTRY TRAINING APPRENTICESHIP**. This booklet outlines how this exciting new programme will form part of our planning at St James to see *all* God's people equipped for service.

I hope you'll be encouraged by the pages that follow and join me in gospel partnership as we ask the Lord to 'send out workers into his harvest field' (Matthew 9:38).



David Smith
Rector



WHAT IS A MINISTRY TRAINING APPRENTICESHIP?

The purpose of the Ministry Training Apprenticeship is to provide participants with the opportunity and experience to consider the potential for vocational gospel ministry. The training program is designed to be undertaken prior to doing formal theological study, with the purpose of enabling apprentices to get a feel for what a life of ministry is like, and to help them decide whether they are suited for it in the long term.

The apprentices join the St James ministry team in a two-year full-time ministry scholarship, and while the exact duties and responsibilities will vary according to where they are serving, the aim is that every apprentice will be exposed to ministry in a wide range of contexts and receive thorough on the job training and feedback.

Each apprentice has a program tailor-made for them and their training context, but the three broad areas addressed in all programs are training in the three 'C's':

- Christian conviction **CONVICTION**
- Christian character **CHARACTER**
- Competence in the work of Christian ministry **COMPETENCE**

Over a two year period these three areas are set out in a curriculum and ministry programme so the apprentice is skilled and tutored in the key learning areas of:

BIBLE STUDY | THINKING THEOLOGICALLY | PRAYER & GODLINESS | RELATIONSHIPS IN MINISTRY

EVANGELISM & WORLD MISSION | TEACHING THE BIBLE | TRAINING OTHERS IN MINISTRY | LEADERSHIP

During the course of the apprenticeship participants are provided with mentors who can support them in their progress and provide encouragement and counsel as necessary. They will also take part in Training Conferences that bring together Ministry Apprentices from churches and Christian groups and organisations across Australia. These forums are a great opportunity for growth and fellowship and are resourced by gifted Christian trainers and teachers.

WHO ARE THE NEW APPRENTICES?



AIMEE OPENSHAW

“I first heard about Jesus during SRE classes at Warrawee Public School. As a result I decided to become a Christian in Year 1, but my first experience of belonging to a church community wasn’t until Year 8, when friends from school invited me along to Elevate Youth.

Elevate was a significant catalyst for my spiritual growth, and it was there that I committed to making Christian faith my first priority. I finished High School at Abbotsleigh in 2013, and at the end of 2018 completed a Bachelor of Medical Science (Hons) at USyd.

Through uni I’ve served at St James by being a part of D Groups, Thailand mission trips, and Elevate Youth leadership. I’m really excited for the opportunity the Ministry Training Apprenticeship will provide me to give my full-time attention to serving in a range of ministries across St James and growing in Biblical knowledge and Bible-teaching skills.”



TOM WILSON

“I became a Christian when I was 7 years old and have been discipled at St James for over a decade. I’ve grown up in wonderful Christian family and am very grateful for their love for Jesus. I finished high school in 2015 at Knox Grammar School and completed the Youthworks Year 13 gap year program the following year.

I’ve been working as a Scripture teacher at Barrenjoey High School the past two years and completed a year of an arts degree at Macquarie University last year. I’m really excited to be a part of the St James team and am looking forward to the opportunities MTS will provide as I seek to grow in my love for God and in my service of Him.

I’ve been involved in serving at St James in many ministries including: Friday night and Sunday morning youth, Sunday Night Church, Music, Kids ministry, and Love teams. In my spare time I enjoy playing the guitar, sport, and going to the beach.”

HOW ARE THE MINISTRY APPRENTICESHIPS FUNDED?

The Ministry Apprenticeships are scholarships funded under the St James **MINISTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND (MTSF)**, established in 2012 to enable financial resources to be set aside for the set purpose of ministry training programmes conducted by, linked with, or endorsed by St James Anglican Church Turramurra.

MTSF has been a source of great blessing in raising up and equipping gospel workers at St James. Through the generous contributions of members of St James and beyond the fund has provided scholarships to past and present ministry workers in theological and ministry training.

Previous recipients of **MTSF** scholarships include Childrens' Worker Kym Abbott and 9 AM Pastor Ed Hungerford. Presently the Fund is providing support for Youth Minister Chris Rooleht during his studies at Moore Theological College. In recent years the **MTSF** also supported Student Ministers Grant van der Merwe and Dan Sawyer as they undertook part-time training alongside their full-time studies at Moore.

“MTSF enabled me to explore opportunities in children’s ministry through vocational training and study at Youthworks college”

Kym Abbott, St James Children’s Minister



We are committed to every-member ministry at St James, grateful for the many and varied ways in which our members serve and give for the sake of the gospel. Being able to encourage one another to think about the possibility of vocational ministry is part of our gospel commitment. Studies suggest that the pathway from **consideration** to **occupation** as a gospel worker can be as long as 10 years. The MTSF has an important role to play in ensuring financial resources are available to encourage programmes such as the Ministry Apprenticeship.

“It’s hard to overstate the ways in which I have been blessed by God by MTSF through theological training for leadership and on-the-ground ministry”

Ed Hungerford, St James 9 AM Pastor



HOW DO I GIVE TO THE MTSF?

Our desire is that we might be able to continue supporting the raising up of gospel workers through MTSF, whether by Ministry Apprenticeships, supporting theological studies or other training initiatives that promote gospel progress in and from St James. Because of the education-oriented purpose of the Ministry Training Scholarship Fund, **donations made by contributors are tax-deductible.**

We welcome your prayerful consideration to support the **Ministry Training Scholarship Fund**. The fund details are as follows:

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Those wishing to make contributions via cheque or through our Sunday collection arrangements can make payments to **“St James Church Turramurra Ministry Training Scholarship Fund.”** Receipts are issued for donations to the fund half yearly upon provision of address details.

If you have any questions regarding the MTSF or any aspects of our Training and Equipping ministry at St James please feel free to speak to the Rector or Wardens. They comprise the *Board of Review* who oversee the Fund. Contact details are provided overleaf.

Please pray with us that the MTSF would continue to provide an enduring gospel legacy.

“St James is extraordinarily blessed to have the MTS Fund through the past and ongoing generosity of many parishioners.”

Chair of the MTSF Board of Review
Julian Bickersteth | Rector’s Warden



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