



# The Church Training Initiative

This programme is designed to be of practical use to members of church congregations and church leaders. It provides a growing number of Resource Packs that can be used by local churches and individuals in order to develop skills and insights useful in church settings.

You can take as many Resource Packs as you choose but if you complete at least five Packs you can earn a Spurgeon's College Commendation.

There is a good variety of material written by established practitioners. Each Pack has its own style, depending on the nature of the subject it addresses, but the material is always practical rather than academic in terms of its focus.

## **Available Resource Packs**

We are sure there is something for you among the packs presently available:

- Core Leadership (written by Nigel Wright)
- Baptist Basics A (written by Nigel Wright)
- Baptist Basics B (written by Nigel Wright)
- Music, God and Us (written by Margaret Gibbs)
- God's Just Kingdom (written by David McIlroy)
- A Toolbox for Small Churches (written by Hilary Taylor)
- Mission in Rural Communities (written by Simon Mattholie)
- Hospitality Evangelism (written by William Ruddle)
- A Christian Perspective on the Journey of Grieving (written by Nigel Copsey)
- Christian Intimacy in Marriage and Relationships (written by Nigel Copsey)
- Missionary Support (written by Ronald Clements)
- Welcoming and Blessing Children in Church (written by Mike Elcome)

Children's Spirituality (written by Jean Elliot)  
Essential Beliefs (written by Graham Watts)  
Youth Ministry (written by Pete Leveson)  
Welcoming the Marginalised (written by Rob May)  
Prison Ministry (written by Matthew Farrow)  
Using the Psalms in Personal Prayer (written by Chris Voke)  
Emerging Church (written by Ivan King)  
Churches, Mission & Community Based Initiatives (written by Karl Relton)  
Corporate Worship (written by Jimmy Orr)  
Using the Bible in the Life of the Church (written by Chris Voke)  
Church Building Projects (written by Ronald Clements)

## Frequently Asked Questions

How many packs do I need to buy?

You can select as many packs as you like or as few as you like! As an incentive, however, you are eligible for an internal Commendation Award as follows:

- Spurgeon's College Church Training Initiative Commendation Level 1:
  - on completion of five Resource Packs [and related tasks]
- Spurgeon's College Church Training Initiative Commendation Level 2:
  - on completion of ten Resource Packs [and related tasks]
- Spurgeon's College Church Training Initiative Commendation Level 3:
  - on completion of fifteen Resource Packs [and related tasks]

How do I begin?

The first step is to complete a [CTi registration form](https://fs30.formsite.com/HelenStokley/form43/index.html) (https://fs30.formsite.com/HelenStokley/form43/index.html) so that we can register you. You will then receive a welcome email containing some useful information to get you started. Once you have read the welcome information, you may click on the link to the [Spurgeon's Shop](https://spurgeons-college.myshopify.com/collections/church-training-initiative) (https://spurgeons-college.myshopify.com/collections/church-training-initiative) to purchase your first pack. The Resource Pack content will be available immediately via email, as a PDF document.

## Can church groups work through Resource Packs together?

Yes, and we would really recommend this! You only need to purchase the Resource Packs once to access the material for use in your church. You may like to consider making a voluntary donation to the College for the group use of our material. As a rough guide we would suggest something like £10 per 10 users.

At the end of each Resource Pack is an optional task. If any member of your church group wants to submit the small piece of work described in each pack - because they would like to aim towards a Spurgeon's College Church Training Initiative Commendation - then they will need to notify the College. They will also need to pay £5 when they send in that piece of work as a contribution towards marking and administrative costs.

## How much time do I need?

Each Resource Pack will require about six hours work, though we hope the content will provoke you to read more widely, discuss with others and put what you learn into practice.

## Summary

Entry Requirements	None
Resources Provided	PDF Resource Packs
Method of Study	Independent learning – approx. six hours work per Resource Pack.
Support	An assessor will provide feedback on a short submitted task
Award	Optional: Spurgeon's College Church Training Initiative Commendation
Cost	£5 per Resource Pack Plus £5 per Resource Pack if you submit the task at the end of each pack

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