

## Training Course Staff



### Jon Marlow - Course Director

Jon is a Church of England minister in Plymouth. He completed his theological training at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford in 2006 before moving to the West Country. Jon also has extensive experience working with youth and student groups and was appointed as PGP Course Director in 2008.



### Tanya Marlow - Associate Director

Tanya is a church based Community Minister. Before moving to Devon, Tanya worked with students in Oxford, providing leadership and evangelism training as UCCF Staff Worker. She has also qualified as a pastoral counsellor. Tanya is responsible for the workshop stream.



### Christine King - Course Administrator

Christine has been the administrator of PGP since its formation in 2005 and has done both years of the course as a student. She spent two years at Trinity College, Bristol and also has a degree in Accounting and Finance from Bristol Business School. Christine is currently involved with a wide range of activities in her local church including leading a Bible study group with her husband Geoff.

### Guest Lecturers

We also welcome experienced Bible teachers from a wide variety of denominations in the South West as lecturers and group leaders.

### The Peninsula Gospel Partnership

Founded in 2005, the Peninsula Gospel Partnership seeks to establish a network among Christians from different denominations in order to realise a vision of a Christ-centred, Bible-teaching, people-loving church available to every community in Cornwall and Devon.

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## Training Course Information

### Term Dates 2010/11

Autumn Term 2010: 20<sup>th</sup> Sept - 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Spring Term 2011: 10<sup>th</sup> Jan - 4<sup>th</sup> April

Summer Term 2011: 9<sup>th</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> July

The course meets on Mondays from 10am at St. Matthew's Church, Plymouth.

The foundation year day finishes at 3:45pm and the second year day finishes at 12:30pm. Each term has a one week 'half-term' break.

### Course Fees

The foundation year costs £300 and the second year costs £200. Fees are payable at the start of the year, and there are bursaries available for those whose church is unable to contribute to the fees.

### Applications and More Information

Application forms for both years of study can be downloaded from our website. For additional information or to request an application form by post, please contact:

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# Peninsula Gospel Partnership Training Course

## Equipping Bible Teachers in Devon and Cornwall



The PGP Training Course is a part-time course meeting on Mondays in Plymouth. Using a mixture of lectures, interactive seminars and workshop groups, the course is designed to equip Christians in Devon and Cornwall to teach the Bible in a variety of contexts.

The course is for anyone who is involved with teaching the Bible: ministry trainees, youth leaders, pastoral assistants, women's workers, small group leaders, lay readers and preachers and those considering full-time Christian ministry.

## The Training Course

The Peninsula Gospel Partnership Training Course meets once a week for thirty weeks, for one or two years. The training is practical and thorough, and is ideal for those preparing for a teaching ministry, those who are already in such a role and wishing to sharpen their skills and those in a training role such as church apprentice or ministry assistant.

All students begin on the Foundation Year, which includes lectures, seminars and practical exercises to lay a solid foundation for a Bible teaching ministry or for further study. Although the Foundation Year is a complete course, some students go on to study with the PGP Training Course for a second year, while others continue training through courses run by other organisations.

“PGP is equipping me to lead a women’s Bible study group by giving me a greater understanding of God’s plan throughout history. As I’m learning to see more of God through his Word, I’m able to share that with the ladies in my group week by week.”

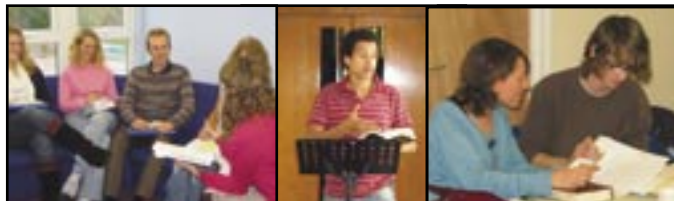
*Sara Chapman,  
St. Matthew’s Church, Plymouth.*

“I work full time in a family restaurant and I feel a call to full time ministry. The PGP Training Course is helping me refine my theology, sharpen my knowledge and train me to articulate God’s truth in a practical, biblically based way.”

*Robin Smith,  
Grace Church, Looe.*

“Despite working over many years as a youth worker in a church setting, PGP has brought life to what I am familiar with and helped fill in the gaps of what I am not!”

*Emily Davies, Youthworker,  
Mutley Baptist Church, Plymouth.*



## Foundation Year

A typical day on the foundation year is split into four hour-long sessions, beginning with a lecture in the ‘Biblical Theology’ stream’. Next is a ‘Digging Deeper’ session and after lunch there are workshop sessions in small groups. Finally we are back together for a seminar in the ‘Ministry Skills and Issues’ stream.

The boxes below show the different components of each stream and how many sessions there are across the year.

### Biblical Theology Stream

The Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Bible (4 sessions)  
Foundations of Biblical Theology (5 sessions)  
Biblical Theology Book by Book (25 sessions)

### Digging Deeper (25 sessions)

An experienced Bible teacher will present a passage as a sermon, Bible study or group discussion and then explain the steps they took to get to that point.

### Workshop Sessions (28 sessions)

During these practical sessions we will be in smaller groups, working with an experienced leader to look in depth at a short Bible passage. During the year you will write a sample Bible Study and give a ten minute talk. In the final term, workshop groups will have the opportunity to specialise in a specific type of teaching, such as preaching, leading Bible studies or giving youth talks.

### Ministry Skills and Issues Stream

Speaking into Culture (4 sessions)  
The Bible and Doctrine (4 sessions)  
Skills for Bible Teachers (6 sessions)  
Leading for Life (6 sessions)  
Effective Pastoral Ministry (3 sessions)  
Biblical Theology for Christian Ethics (3 sessions)  
Reasonable Faith (3 sessions)

## Further Study

Students continuing with a second year of study also meet on a Monday morning. This includes two hour-long sessions, the first of which is a lecture or seminar in the ‘Biblical Theology in Depth’ stream. After a coffee break there is the second session, which is an advanced workshop group. This session finishes at lunchtime and students are free to leave, or to stay and eat lunch with students on the foundation year.

### Biblical Theology In Depth (29 sessions)

Each half term we will take a different book of the Bible and study it in depth. This typically includes five sessions on each book, which might take the form of lectures, seminars or group discussions. Books studied will vary according to the individual lecturer. In 2009/10 we looked at Genesis, 1 & 2 Kings, Daniel, Matthew, John and Romans.

### Workshop Sessions (29 sessions)

These practical sessions will build on the workshops and skills from the foundation year. Each week two students will give a short talk on a passage from the book being studied in the first session. During this session there will also be the opportunity to develop presentation skills, as we use a variety of techniques including reviewing video recordings of the talks.

## Entry Requirements

For the foundation year it is necessary to have the support of your church leader (or supervisor if you are working in a paid ministry role), who will need to sign your application form.

For the second year of study it is necessary to have successfully completed the foundation year of the PGP Training Course, or to have participated in a similar course elsewhere. You will also need to have the support of your church leader or supervisor, and all potential second year students will be invited for an informal interview with the Course Director.