



# MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission

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## **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.

## **WHY STUDY THE MA IN THEOLOGY, MISSION, AND MINISTRY?**

On the MA in Theology, Ministry, and Mission you will explore and engage with the teachings and traditions of the Christian Church through a balance of academic study and practical application. This exciting course will give you a grounding in practical theology and biblical studies, then allow you to tailor your study to suit your interests or background – whether practical theology, doctrine, Old Testament, New Testament, spirituality, mission, or church history. Within your chosen subjects, there will be much freedom for you to concentrate on your own specific areas of interest or root your study in your own situation or locality.

Whatever your background, the programme will encourage you to understand, critique, and develop your daily discipleship and ministerial practice through study and reflection.

## **A DISTINCTIVE MASTERS DEGREE**

The MA is rooted in today's world, recognising that our faith comes alive when it is applied to our everyday lives, not least when we engage with contemporary thinking, culture and scholarship.

The degree is geared towards your needs. The course is delivered in a way that gives time and freedom to those who are busy with ministry, who have other jobs, or who live further away. The timetable aims not to overburden individuals.

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.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Our Masters programme is suitable for graduates in Theology or Religious Studies, although significant experience of ministry can also be taken into account. While it is primarily aimed at people engaged in Christian ministry (lay or ordained), members of some other professional groups (e.g. medicine, social work, teaching) will find it equally valuable, as will individuals who have undertaken an undergraduate degree in theology or religious studies and want to further their learning.

## 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 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

**Charlie Hadjiev** has recently joined the team at St Padarn's, and he is Programme Director for the MA Theology course. He has extensive experience in theological education with a specialism in hermeneutics and Biblical studies. His DPhil from Oxford University is in Old Testament Studies.

**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?

The MA Theology, Mission, and Ministry is a Durham University postgraduate degree delivered through St Padarn's Institute. The programme is flexible and has been designed to enable those working lay or ordained, or that have busy lives to study. It is a part-time course (two years plus dissertation) that is split between three-day residentials, online provision, and day courses. Students will enjoy challenging and interactive teaching and learning strategies.

Two of the residentials will 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. It is also possible (and recommended) that you arrive on Sunday night to give yourself extra lead in time and access to tutors and library. There is no extra charge for arriving on Sunday.

## RESIDENTIAL DATES FOR 2023-24 ACADMIC YEAR

18th – 20th Sept 2023	22nd – 24th Jan 2024	29th April to 1st May
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### WHAT MODULES ARE OFFERED?

To complete the Masters programme you will need to complete a 180 credits. This includes six taught modules (120 credits) and on successful completion of this taught stage you will progress to your dissertation (60 credits).

Year one Postgraduate Certificate	Year two Postgraduate Diploma	Year three MA
1. Research and Reflection Charlie Hadjiev	4. Advanced Study of a Theological Text Jordan Hillebert	• Dissertation 15,000 words Charlie Hadjiev
2. The Bible and the Christian Faith (Hermeneutics) Charlie Hadjiev	5. Advanced Biblical Studies Elizabeth Corsar	
3. Advanced Topic of Christian Doctrine Jane Williams	4. Reflective Practice: Mission and Evangelism Jill Duff	

### WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The MA Theology, Ministry, and Mission is accredited by Durham University which is part of the prestigious Russell Group of universities. Applications to be received by the 31 July for September start.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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