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building local leaders
in the local church
for the local church

Welcome

Thanks for your interest in the Baton Leadership Programme.

Baton has been developed over twenty years to equip next generation frontline ministries for Christian service.

High standards of biblical and theological study, plus a commitment to your development in the local church, is spearheaded by the Baton's management team.

Because of the sustained commitment of time and effort required by all participants, applicants must be endorsed by local pastors who are also committing to a substantial personal investment in the development of your calling. Baton participants also receive a high level of support by Course Facilitators who produce Guided Study Notes.

If you believe this is the time for you to 'pick up the baton' of Christian leadership, talk to your pastor and ask, Can we do this?

If you are ready to enter what may be one of the most rewarding challenges of your life, Baton will be delighted to receive your application!

Alistair J Matheson
Baton Sponsor

'Rewarding'

The programme



Baton is designed like a tripod with three interrelated elements: Distance Learning, Practical Learning and Group Learning. It is based on 4 semesters of 6 months. Each one consists of 3 Guided Study modules completed by remote learning, assignments (written and/or practical), 3 supervisor meetings, and an equipping weekend (in-person in Edinburgh).

The 2 year programme covers:

- The Bible: OT & NT surveys and doctrine
- The Church: History and Future (Missiology and Vision)
- Leadership: Team working, developing others and discipleship
- Apostolic Revelation: Ascension Ministries and Spiritual Gifts
- and much more

The programme combines theory, practice and experience and is centred around the local church. It requires a local supervisor to meet regularly with the participant to encourage and support them, and we give them support to do that.

Distance Learning

Guided Study Modules (GSMs) are designed to equip participants to engage in structured, rigorous study so that, by the end of the programme, they will have developed the habits necessary for lifelong ministry development.

Practical Learning

Each participant has regularly set appointments with their local church Supervisor to support them through their Guided Study Modules, practical assignments and to mentor their ministry development in the local church.

Group Learning

Residential Weekends with inspirational speakers with recognised expertise are a popular element of the Programme. Meeting participants from other parts of the country offers enriching and enduring Christian friendships and creates a fertile environment for learning, both during the seminars and beyond them, whether through social media or future personal connections.

'Challenging'

Semester overview

with weekend dates

Study programme commences - 7 November 2022

Guided Study Modules

- New Testament Survey
- Interpreting the Bible
- Team working

Guided Study Modules

- Old Testament Survey I
- Church History
- Pastoral Care

Guided Study Modules

- Old Testament Survey II
- Christian Doctrines
- Mission, Vision, Culture & Strategy

Guided Study Modules

- Apostolic Vision/Revelation
- Missiology
- Principles of Communication

LEADERSHIP Weekend:

24/25 March, 2023

Ivan Parker on

Ascension Ministries Today

Growing Leaders

SPIRITUAL GIFTS Weekend:

27/28 October, 2023

Pastoral challenges

Steven and Helen Anderson on

Developing Spiritual Gifts/

Releasing Prophecy

DISCIPLESHIP Weekend:

March, 2024

Church diagnostic exercise

speaker tbc

Developing Leaders who Disciple

Whole Life Discipleship

EVANGELISM Week-end:

October 2024

Church diagnostic exercise

speaker tbc

Church planting & Evangelism

'Equipping'

Our Testimonials

The Baton Course has been a perfect step for me as not only an elder of a church but also as someone who works full time, in that its unique creation has furthered my understanding and knowledge of church history, theology and developed my pastoral gifting. It has deepened my own personal Christian walk with Christ, while also advancing my role caring for others, as well as improving my communication as a leader.

Currently I am an elder in Treallaw Christian Centre, where I am part of the leadership team. I speak regularly in church and also take the meetings as well as do the computer desk and sound desk.

I run the messy church team, leading the children's games and stories.



Simon Joseph (South Wales)



Nikki Karp (Isle of Skye)

Baton has helped me to gain a good biblical grounding and a deeper understanding of leadership. It definitely took me another step closer to God, as my understanding of faith /mission and the Bible as a whole grew massively during the two years.

My perseverance and knowledge were stretched beyond what I had previously known and the opportunity to learn from the course leaders and mentors and interact with other emerging leaders was both inspiring and encouraging.

Although the going sometimes got tough I am so pleased that I made it to the end! Prayer from others definitely helped me through the tougher times! The knowledge and skills I gained have fed directly into my preaching and teaching and given me more confidence to do these things that previously terrified me!! I am so grateful for the whole experience!

I'm a part of the Dunvegan Christian Fellowship Leadership Team. Not sure exactly what my role entails but I do Preach quite regularly and am involved with organising Social Activities and Some Mission Projects, I also work with Action Overseas, teaching theology to Nepalese Leaders



Application process



1

Discuss your interest with your Pastor

Register your interest via our site at batonleadership.org

You will be sent the application form and pastoral reference.

Discuss your interest and pass the information and forms to your Pastor.

The programme requires a commitment of at least 5 hours per week from each participant. There is also a big commitment needed by the person who will act as your supervisor (usually your Pastor).

2

Complete application form and pastoral reference

You will need to complete the application form and return it to our admin team via email (admin@batonleadership.org).

Your pastor will need to complete the pastoral reference form. Their support is essential for you application to succeed, given the significant involvement they will have during the programme.



3

Receive decision on your application

Your application will be considered by the Baton Management Team. You will be notified of the decision.

If you are accepted you will shortly afterwards receive a copy of the semester timetable, and guided study modules and reading list. An Introductory Zoom call will be held at the start of the programme.



Key dates & course costs

Application Deadline: 11 September 2022

Decision letter: 7 October 2022

Two year Programme - £1200 (total)

(Spouses can take part in the programme for a reduced fee of £400)

This includes Course and tutor fees; Guided Study Modules (Participants must purchase prescribed texts); Church Supervision; 4 Residential Weekends in Edinburgh, which includes one-night accommodation, and all meals. (Participants travel at their own expense.)

Fees are due in advance of study commencing and may be paid in a single payment, or in instalments by agreement.

Baton Management Team



Alistair Matheson

Programme Sponsor

Alistair oversees the vision and direction of the programme. He is a recognised Apostle in ACUK and now pastors Glasgow City Church. Previously he planted a thriving church on the Isle of Skye, which has now gone to plant again.



Brian Campbell

Supervision Manager

Brian heads up the support for supervisors. He is the Lead Pastor at Christian Life Centre, Wolverhampton, and has previously pioneered and led churches in the South West of England and the North East of Scotland.



Adrian Galley

Programme Manager

Adrian oversees the running and organisation of the programme. He is currently a Pastor at Community Church Deal, Kent, having previously led churches in Edinburgh and Musselburgh in Scotland.



Andy Dempsey

Module Facilitator

Andy has written a number of the guided study modules. He is the Lead Pastor at Freedom Church, Uddingston in Scotland.

Support Team



Rachel Doak

Participant Support

Rachel is a recent graduate of Baton and now provides support and encouragement to those going through the programme. She organises zoom meetings and whatsapp chat, for cohorts or individuals.



Liz Dobson

Baton Administrator

Liz manages the behind the scenes operations. Tracking participants materials and applications and much more besides. Liz is a previous graduate of the programme and is active in church life on the Isle of Skye.

To get in touch

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Baton is a Leadership Development Programme designed and run by The Apostolic Church UK (ACUK), the oldest Pentecostal denomination in the UK. It is a recognised route to receiving Pastoral credentials.