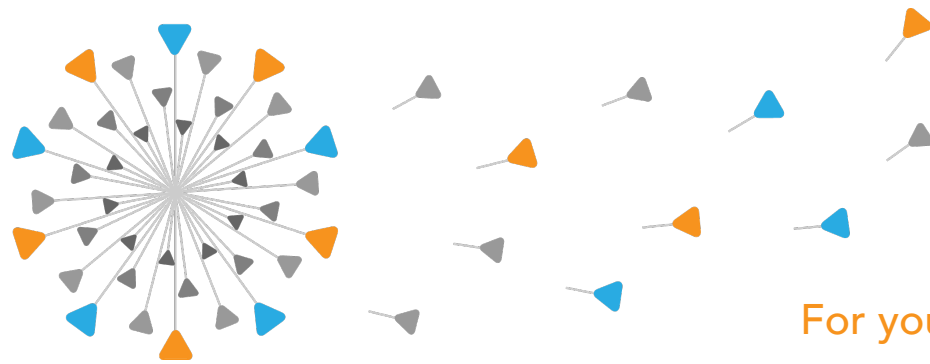


Cornhill Scotland



Update: October 2017

For your prayerful interest and support



Dear Friends,

Following our meeting yesterday of the Cornhill Scotland Board, one of our Trustees commented that it was probably our most encouraging one since the Trust's inception in 2005.

Indeed, we have much to be thankful for, and so I wanted to share our thanksgiving, and also our needs, with you so that you may give thanks, and pray, along with us. We so value your partnership in the gospel.

CORNHILL TRAINING COURSE

The 2017 Session began with **our largest student total to date:** 21 First Year, 20 Second Year and 2 Accelerated Course (1Yr) students. Sadly one of the First Year class had to drop out and defer due to ill health; we hope he will join us again in due course, but that still leaves the building buzzing with 42 eager learners getting to grips with God's word. This year also sees 8 new partner churches joining with us, through sending ministry apprentices, making **23 churches in all from all across Scotland** with whom we are partnering in training people for ministry — a very great encouragement, and we trust a step on towards many more. Please do give thanks to God.

PASTORS TRAINING COURSE

Following several graduations from the PTC in June, we were glad to have 4 new members join for this session, the first intake to the **newly revised course** which now incorporates the whole of the excellent seminary curriculum produced by Third Millennium Ministries.

Richard Pratt, Third Mill's President, helped us frame the course at the beginning, and we are so encouraged by this development which increases the scope of the **3 year post-CTC, flexible, tutorial-led advanced course for Ministers in Training** led by Andy Gemmill. The value of this approach, which meshes ongoing rigorous theological reflection with hands-on working in real church ministry at a higher level of responsibility than that of apprentice, is immense: forging theology amid real ministry, and developing ministry skills and experience while also making time to step aside to engage theologically with others doing the same thing in a variety of contexts. We now have a dozen or so post-PTC men working as ordained pastors in ministries around the country, which is great to see; please join us in praying for there to be a steady stream of many more.

PASTORS, CHURCHES, TRAINING, & TRAINING PASTORS

Please do pray for a morning conference for ministers to be held jointly with the *West of Scotland Gospel Partnership* on Sat January 13th, when Richard Pratt will be with us; we hope that it will be an opportunity to share this vision for pastor-training with others and enable us all to forge further partnerships in developing leaders for Christ's church.

With thanks for your prayers,

William Philip,

Chairman of Trustees

PS. Photos of this year's students attached below

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