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Missio Dei  
Leadership & Theological College

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TO SERVING  
THE LOCAL  
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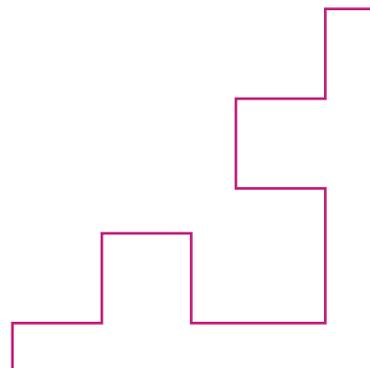
Welcome to  
Missio Dei!

**Missio Dei is the AoG GB  
Bible College.**

**The following is an  
introduction to our two  
Master's degree's: MA in  
Practical Theology and  
MA in Biblical Studies.**

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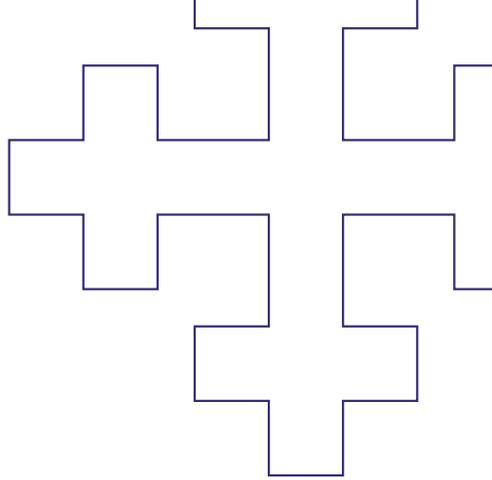
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# 1. Vision

Missio Dei's heart is to serve and support AoG Churches and Ministers; to be a centre of excellence, not merely a place of learning but of equipping and sending. A college where God's people are trained in Christian leadership and theology and released to further his mission in this world. Our passion is to see those in your Church reach their fullest leadership potential.



Through exceptional teaching and impartation from our National Leadership Team, leading practitioners in our movement, and lecturers from around the world, we believe we can offer a life-shaping experience that supports you in your church. Recognised postgraduate qualifications reflect advanced professional training or specialist knowledge and ability.

At Missio Dei, we are committed, not only to the next generation of Christian leaders, but also to the support of those currently involved in Christian leadership. We hope our postgraduate programmes can figure as part of your continuing professional development; building and refreshing skills, offering new insights, and discussing, researching and evaluating new ideas.

*There are two main MA routes to study with us:*

The first is a our MA in Biblical Studies, the second route is our MA in Practical Theology.



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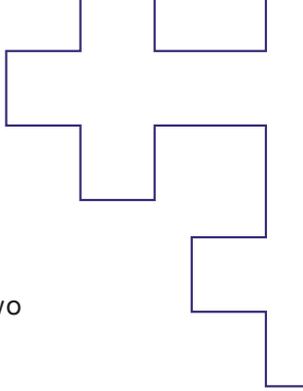
# 2. Course Structure

**Both MA courses involve the completion of five taught modules, which are delivered at our teaching centre in Manchester in intensive blocks (September and January), and an 18,000 word dissertation.**

Each of the modules are assessed by a 4,500 word essay. The usual mode of study is part-time over two years, which can work ideally alongside other work commitments, though it can also be done full-time (September to September).

The MA in Practical Theology offers a wide range of modules – including biblical studies, studies in Pentecostal history and theology, and studies focusing on mission. It is particularly suitable for those who want to add to and develop their knowledge and skills in practical areas of theology, whilst also giving the opportunity for more academic study.

The MA in Biblical Studies gives students the opportunity to engage with Old and New Testament texts, and issues of biblical interpretation. It will appeal to those who want to add to and develop their exegetical, hermeneutical and theological skills; and provides an ideal introduction to advanced biblical studies for those hoping to go on to doctoral studies.



Each course has compulsory modules.

For the MA in Practical Theology all students must take Research Methods, plus at least two out of the following four:

- Pentecostal Theology
- Pentecostal and Revivalist History
- Contemporary Christian Leadership
- Contemporary Issues in Global Mission: Strategy and Praxis

For the MA in Biblical Studies, all students must take Research Methods, and Exegetical and Hermeneutical Methods. Students are also required to have a level of proficiency in at least one of the Biblical languages. If you have not learnt Greek or Hebrew previously, you may still enrol and we offer short courses to give you the level of knowledge you will need. These run at various times throughout the year and more details can be found on our website.

All students then choose other modules from the following:

- NT Theology
- Paul's Letters
- Johannine Studies
- Biblical Pneumatology
- The Greek Text of Mark's Gospel
- The World of the Bible



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## 2a. Module information

Students with relevant language skills will be expected to engage, at an appropriate level, with biblical texts in their original languages; and tutorial support for this will be provided

### Johannine Studies

The module consists of:

- A critical exegesis of the Johannine texts in recognised English translations and, where students have relevant language skills, in the original Greek text (with appropriate tutorial support).
- A survey of the principal arguments related to provenance, authorship, dating, etc.;
- An examination and evaluation of the writer's purpose, polemic and theology;
- An investigation of a range of contemporary Jewish and Greco-Roman texts, and the light they may shed on the Johannine writings
- Analysis of the Johannine corpus from the perspective of its practical application to the modern church context.





# Biblical Pneumatology

This module explores, compares and contrasts the way Old and New Testament writers understand the role and activity of the Spirit of God. It covers the following topics:

A critical examination of view(s) of the role and activity of the Spirit of God in the Old Testament, including: the Spirit and God, the Spirit and Creation, the Spirit and Prophecy, the Spirit and Leadership, the Spirit and Renewal and the Spirit and the Future

- A critical examination of the view(s) of the Spirit of God in the New Testament, focusing particularly on Pauline, Lukan and Johannine passages that deal with pneumatological issues.
  - A critical examination of the continuity and discontinuity in the understanding of the Spirit between the Old and New Testaments.
  - Discussion and analysis of the approaches to pneumatology of recent and current scholars, including those at the forefront of the discipline.
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# The World of the Bible

This module looks at the Old and New Testaments against their geographical, historical, cultural and literary background and discusses the relationship between socio-historical context and exegesis and interpretation.

It will consider, critically, (i) historical texts and inscriptions and their relation to biblical historical narrative; (ii) scholarly views of the emergence and history of Israel; (iii) the relationship between ANE texts and the Old Testament, particularly flood and creation accounts; (iv) the influence of Old Testament and intertestamental texts on the New Testament; (v) the Jewish and Greco-Roman backgrounds to the New Testament, and their influence on the origins of Christianity.



# Paul's Letters: Method, Context and Theology

The module examines the biography of the Apostle Paul and the theological contribution of his writings to the New Testament and those letters influence in Christian theology. Special attention is given to themes of theology, Christology, soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology and ethics found within the undisputed Pauline corpus. Elements include:

- History of Pauline Studies
- A Chronology of Paul
- Paul the Missionary
- Paul's View of God
- The Centre of Paul: The Faithful Christ
- Soteriology and Pneumatology: Pauline Participation in Christ
- Anthropology in Paul
- Pauline Ethics
- Paul's understanding of Christian Community

# Christian Leadership and Contemporary Issues

This module offers students an opportunity to engage with current issues, in the context of local church leadership. It is designed to help students consider the role of faith and religion in society and to equip those involved in Christian ministry to lead conversations regarding the current topics and tough questions that surface in a diverse, multicultural society. Some of the subjects that will be covered include:

- Apologetics
- Christian worldview and engaging with other perspectives
- Church and social and public engagement
- Addressing specific issues



# Contemporary Christian Leadership

This module will help to further develop students in their competence and confidence in leading Christian organisations. It will explore a range of key subjects related to Christian leadership, including:

- Biblical theology of leadership
- Power and authority
- Self-leadership
- Eldership
- Conflict management
- Governance
- Leadership theory
- Volunteer management
- Strategic thinking
- Change management



# Exegetical and Hermeneutical Methods

The module explores appropriate exegetical and hermeneutical methods in relation to Old and New Testament texts.

It will discuss: key elements in reconstructing the text – including textual and historical criticisms; the significance of genre; translation – including grammatical and lexical issues; intertextuality; and historical and theological context; scholarly approaches to the interpretation of the text – including discussion of the location of meaning, structural criticism and newer literary approaches. Discussion of exegetical methods and hermeneutical approaches will be linked to specific Old and New Testament texts – with optional reference to the Hebrew and Greek text for those with appropriate existing language skills.



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MAKE ME WANT  
TO KNOW  
JESUS BETTER.”**

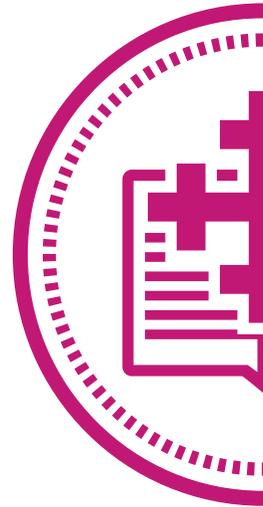
## 3. Research

Whilst attending the intensive teaching weeks, students have access to our Research Centre, which has many books related to each of the modules we offer. During the rest of the year, there is access to two online platforms (EBSCO and Perlego), which provide a large number of resources to help with completing assignments. An induction on how to use these resources will be given at the start of the year.

## 4. Support

Missio Dei prides itself on nurturing a supportive environment and helping students to achieve their best. Our friendly staff are regularly available and will provide guidance related to all aspects of learning. Alongside our intensive teaching weeks, we also run a range of online forums, including Research Lounges, study skills sessions, essay clinics, and two research symposia, to support students with their work.

In cases where more formal support is required, our Disability Support Officer will provide further information. We will make necessary reasonable adjustments to enable students to engage with the course.



## 5. Accommodation

For each of the intensive weeks, students will need to source their accommodation. If you need any help finding a hotel, we can suggest suitable ones for you.



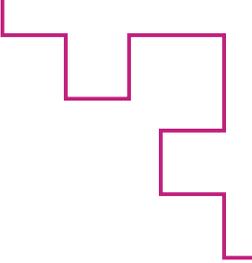
## 6. Applying to Study

Our courses have two main entry routes:  
The first route is with a recognised Bachelors degree in Theology or a theology- related subject. We would normally expect applicants to have achieved second-class honours or above.  
The alternative route is for those without formal qualifications, but who have at least two years senior leadership experience in a church or mission context. Those admitted via the alternative route will be required to submit an essay to demonstrate suitability for the programme.

The MA in Biblical Studies also requires a level of competence in one or more biblical language. Tuition in Greek or Hebrew as preparation for the MA in Biblical Studies is available.

# A Word From Our President





# Think Missio Dei!

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My Bible college experience was formative in shaping my thinking, building key relationships and preparing me for ministry.

We believe that Missio Dei will facilitate a genuine encounter with God's plans and purposes for people of all ages as they pursue the call of God upon their lives.

The partnership between your Church, Missio Dei and you, the student, means that together we can pray, plan and invest today for the future.

For more information about the course, please visit our website, where you can sign up for Taster Days and download an application form.

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**- Ps Glyn Barrett, National Leader  
AoG GB President Missio Dei**





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## 7. Financial Information

The course fees for 2022-23 are as follows:

**Full-time** - £6,400

**FT Facilities fee** - £450

**FT Validation fee** - £875

**Part-time** - £3,550

**PT Facilities fee** - £300

**PT Validation fee (Y1 Only)** - £875

Students can apply for a postgraduate student loan. Eligible candidates will have their tuition fee covered, plus extra towards other costs associated with studying on the course.

AoG Ministers and their dependents are eligible for a discount of 15% on their tuition fees. Please contact us to see if this applies.

To find out if you would qualify for a student loan, please visit:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/  
student-loans-company](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company)

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