



# Context-based Training

Practical and academic training for ministry  
based in a local church context

## Benefits of Context-based Training...

a comprehensive training in leadership, mission and practice

an integrated academic and practical experience

a close-knit unit for friendship and support

a base in a real community with real needs and opportunities

the satisfaction of contributing to a community in long-term mission

the input of experienced church practitioners into your training

the development of patterns of lifelong learning and reflection

## Context-based Training is a new, challenging and exciting way of training for ministry

If you choose Context-based Training at Trinity you will ...

- spend some of the week at college and some of the week in a local church context
- train as part of a group of 5-10 students in a particular community, based in a local church
- live near other students in the context community
- work with local clergy and others in a variety of church and community activities
- reflect on your experiences each week, with the support of a Trinity tutor
- gain the same academic qualifications (degree, certificate or diploma) as college-based students.



Some of our contexts ...

**BS10:** a mixture of large housing estates and leafy suburbs on the outskirts of Bristol.

**J18:** three distinct communities in NW Bristol: a 60s housing estate, a community based around the Avonmouth docks and Shirehampton village.

**Woodlands/St Matt's:** a partnership between an Anglican and a Free church in the midst of 'student-land' near the centre of Bristol.

**Woodbridge:** six rural villages between Malmesbury and Swindon.

*This training is open for all students including independent students. It is authorized by the Church of England as a form of ordination training.*



“ Context gives me a community within which to learn, colleagues to bounce ideas off and a parish in which to test out ideas. The support, stimulation and opportunities of context deepen and enrich my academic work.

Justin Tomkins  
(student)



## What's the difference between Context-based and College-based Training?

If you are a context-based student, you are fully part of the Trinity College community and do the same study programme as college-based students. However, in Context-based Training you do most of your practical training, and most of your reflection on practice in the context. In College-based Training you do your practical training and reflecting in a less concentrated way in different places and with different teams of students, or individually.

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