

Step 1 – First Steps Discovering faith @ CPBC

People come into contact with our church in various ways and start off with very different experiences of church and faith. **First Steps** is a course designed to enable people who are not Christians to explore what the Christian faith is all about, and can be run with either a group or on a one to one basis.

Who can take the course?

The course is for anyone who wants to discover what the Christian message is all about, and is open to anyone of any age and with any academic background.

How is the course run?

Often courses that introduce Christianity run for weeks and weeks. This is not always convenient for people and their lifestyles so we have prepared a course that covers the essential basis of the Christian faith. And so our course runs over 5 sessions; each of which last about an hour and a half.

The usual format of the evening is to start with a cup of tea or coffee, before working our way through the topic for that evening.

The actual sessions themselves are a mixture of the group leader explaining what the bible teaches on the topic in question, but also the group leader guiding those on the course through some questions which help people themselves to think and reflect on what they believe.

What topics will the course cover?

The course covers 5 main topics:

What's wrong with the world (and us)?

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die on the cross?

How can I know that God accepts me?

What Happens when I die?

Can I come with my own questions and get answers?

Definitely YES! Whenever we have run this course we have found that people come with all sorts of different questions about the Christian faith.

This course wants to encourage people to bring their questions, and each session has a section towards the end for people to ask their own questions or to ask for things to be clarified. Whatever question you ask the group leader(s) will do their best to answer them or find out the answer.

Some of the course leaders encourage people to ask their questions as they go through the session; others prefer to take them all towards the end.

Remember no question is too silly to ask, the course aims to answer the most common questions but also the questions that you have yourself.



How will I remember What I have heard?

Each participant is given a booklet that covers the outline of the course to help you remember what had been taught and discussed. You are welcome to make your own notes in the booklet along with any questions that you may want to ask the course leader.

How do I sign up to do the course or what if I want to find out more information?

If you would like to take part in the course when it is next held, or if you would like further information please contact our Minister:

Rev Steve Christian

It is easiest to contact Steve via the manse on 01934 628659. If he is not available then please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively please e-mail him via the church office on enquiries@cpbc.co.uk

What's next?

This is the first course of many that we run at Clarence Park Baptist Church. Below is a list of the other courses that we offer.

Stepping Stones @ CPBC

Step 1 – First Steps
Discovering faith

Step 2 – Stepping on
Nurturing faith

Step 3 - Stepping Up
Belonging to CPBC
(membership & Baptism)

Step 4 - Stepping Forward
Serving in CPBC

Step 5 – Stepping Out
Witnessing from CPBC

Step 6 - Stepping Deeper
Growing @ CPBC

Further information is available on other leaflets in the church.

Or via the church web site:

www.cpbc.co.uk

Or email the church

enquiries@cpbc.co.uk

Stepping Stones 1 First Steps



Discovering Faith



A short course to
help people find
faith in Jesus.