




BIBLE SCHOOL

WHERE GOD
CHANGES LIVES





IT'S TIME TO FOCUS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Capernwray offers a unique environment where you can discover, develop or reignite a living relationship with the Lord Jesus through biblical teaching and practical training.

Our aim is to equip you so that you leave ready for service in the worldwide church through experiencing the transformative life of Christ working in and through you.

All our courses are built upon Christ centred bible teaching. They are accredited by an internationally recognised awarding body and will help you develop a greater understanding of the Bible and, while living within our international community of people, learn how to apply it to your life.



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I am delighted to introduce you to an overview of Capernwray Bible School, which I trust you are going to love!

From the earliest years of Capernwray we have built our study programme around the core value of discovering more about the life-transforming presence of Jesus Christ. The Bible is clear that how we think plays a huge part in the way we change into the likeness of the Lord Jesus, which is why study is so central to what we do here.

Paul says that we will be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12: 2). He also says that everything that is illuminated becomes a light (Ephesians 5: 13).

As we are lit-up more and more by God's word, we will shine Jesus more and more clearly into this needy world. Together we have this amazing opportunity to grapple with God's word to that very exciting end, and we pray you'll be inspired by what you read in the following pages and grab this chance with both hands.

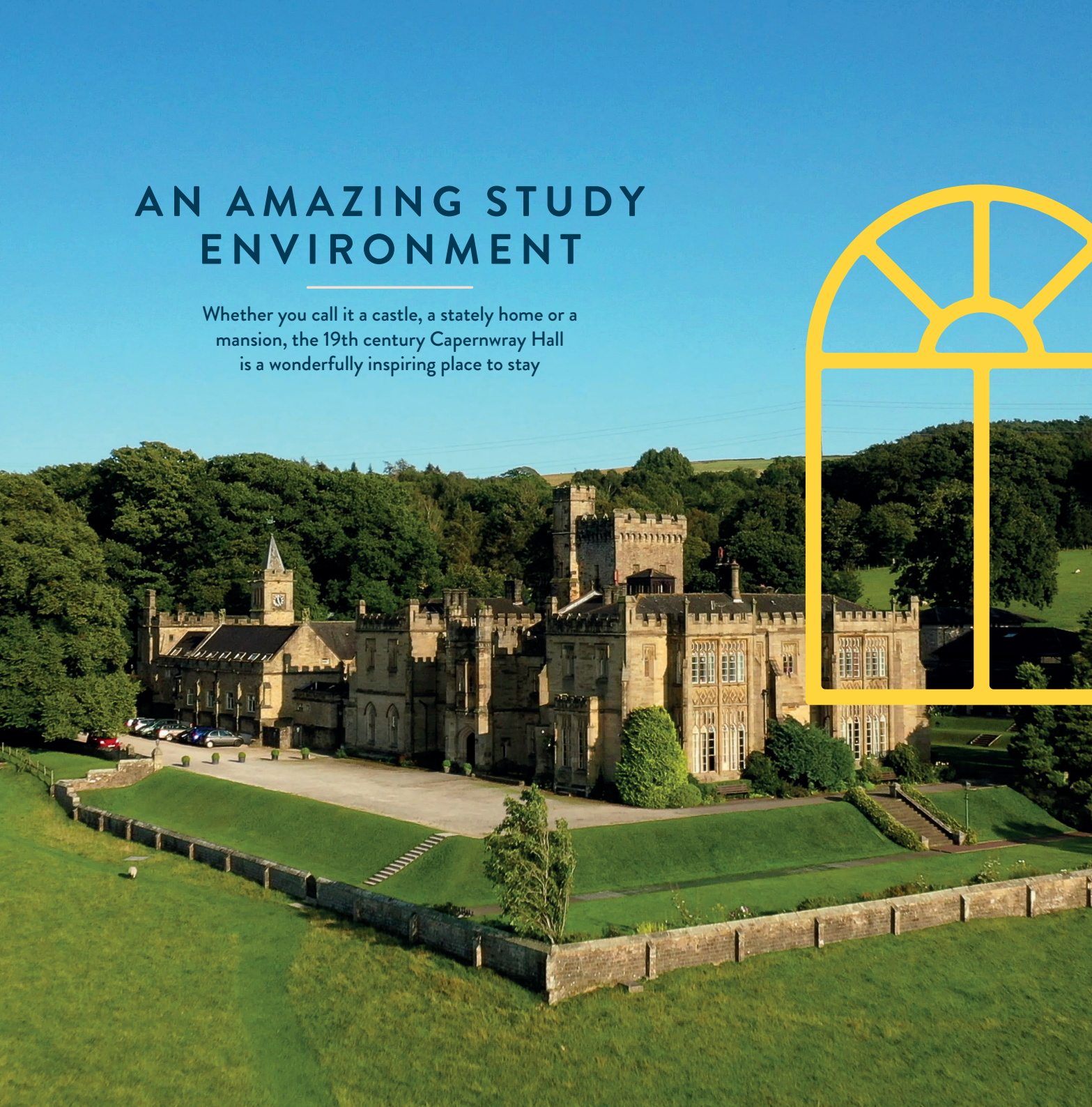
In the rest of this brochure we hope that you will find all you need to take the first step towards a life-changing period of study and growth. We are so glad you are thinking about joining us and look forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Derek Burnside'.

Derek Burnside BA, PGCE, MTh.
Principal

AN AMAZING STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Whether you call it a castle, a stately home or a mansion, the 19th century Capernwray Hall is a wonderfully inspiring place to stay



We think you will be blown away by the beautiful and grand main house, the connected buildings and the gardens and rolling hills that surround Capernwray.

The 175-acre estate, with its forests, gardens and small lake, is sandwiched between the waterfalls and rugged crags of the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the east, and the dramatic mountains and lakes of the Lake District National Park to the west. The cities of Liverpool, Manchester and Lancaster are also within reach.

Capernwray Hall was built in the mid-1800s as a private home for the Lord Lieutenant of the county of Lancashire, and belonged to the local, influential Marton family.

Now it belongs to the family of God, with countless brothers and sisters coming together from all around the world each and every year. It still has that feel of a much-loved family home and that's just how we like it. Before long you'll be treating it as your own home too.

FOUR KEY OBJECTIVES

All our courses are focused upon meeting four key objectives that work in tandem with our overall mission statement:

1. To come to know the risen, indwelling Lord Jesus Christ more deeply and personally.
2. To develop the personal disciplines of studying, understanding and communicating the message of the Bible.
3. To discover and prove in everyday experience the reality of the Christian life.
4. To be a more effective member of your local church and be equipped for full time Christian service.



Our mission is to proclaim the transforming teaching and practical training, equipping men

presence of Jesus Christ through biblical and women for service in his Church worldwide.



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Capernwray has reminded me that I am placed in the middle of the most amazing love story that's ever been told. I am more loved than I ever knew to be possible. It's a truth that has been utterly transforming my mind.

WINTER SCHOOL

Qualification: Foundations in Christian Life and Service (Level 3)

Term 1: September-December

Term 2: January-March

A twenty-two week course that will deepen your relationship with Jesus and your knowledge of the Bible.

The Winter School programme gives you the opportunity to focus on your relationship with Jesus, study the Bible in depth and practically apply it to your life. We are confident that you will leave better equipped to live the Christian life and serve in your local church context.

The main content of the course is taught by experienced and gifted teachers, resulting in the award of a widely recognised qualification. You will study as part of a wonderful international community in a stunning location with great facilities. Your fees also cover all accommodation, on-site social activities and meal costs.

You will be taught from a wide range of biblical books and a variety of theological topics through lectures, and there will be a number of seminars dealing with the practical aspects of the Christian life.

You will also have regular 'Route Planner' sessions providing an overview of every Old Testament book which tracks your weekly Bible reading schedule. There will be opportunities to talk with others about what you have been learning through your Family Group, Interactive Group and New Testament Discussion Group.



"I've stored up so much from my experience that will fuel me for many years to come"



A DEEPER IMPACT

My time at Capernwray continues to have a deep impact on my life - the challenging teaching, lifelong friends and strengthening of my relationship with God.



BOOKS AND TOPICS:

Biblical Theology

Introduction to the Bible
Walk through the OT
Walk through the NT
Route Planners

Biblical Studies

Genesis 1-11
The Life of Abraham
1 Samuel
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Lamentations
Sermon on the Mount
John's Gospel
Romans
Ephesians
1 Corinthians
Hebrews

Systematic Theology

Father Heart of God
Prayer
The Holy Spirit
Union with Christ

Theological Topics

Worship
Personal Evangelism
World Religions

Reasons to study at Capernwray

1. Rich heritage of theological teaching and training for over seventy-five years
2. Diverse international experience with students coming from all over the world
3. Fully accommodated programme of study including planned social activities
4. Courses that focus on biblical books and contemporary theological topics
5. Wide ranging outreach opportunities to put what you learn into practice
6. Opportunities to spiritually grow and form deep connections with others
7. Internationally recognised Level 3 qualification with high pass rates



SPRING SCHOOL

Qualification: Principles in Christian Life and Service (Level 3)

Dates: April-June

A ten week course that gives you time to get to grips with the Bible and deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Spring Bible School is a great chance to study the Bible at a deep level for a relatively short space of time. At just ten weeks long, you could fit the course into a study break, sabbatical from work, or as part of your gap year. It is ideal for anyone who wants to develop their relationship with Jesus, gain a better understanding of the Bible and practically apply it to life.

The main content of the course is taught by experienced and gifted teachers leading to an externally validated qualification. You will live amongst a diverse group of fellow Christians in a beautiful part of the English countryside.

You will be taught directly from the Bible and cover a number of theological topics. You will have regular Route Planner sessions which will provide an overview of every New Testament book which will follow your weekly Bible reading plan. There will also be plenty of time for deeper discussions within the various student groups that you will be a part of during your stay.

"This has been a life-changing experience with incredible growth. Everything has had such a transformative effect on my life."



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A DEEPER KNOWLEDGE

I now have a much more personal and intimate relationship with Jesus. Instead of just knowledge about him it has become knowledge of him



BOOKS AND TOPICS:

Biblical Theology
Route Planners

Systematic Theology
Authority and Inspiration of Scripture
The Church
The Trinity

Theological Topics
World Mission
Church History

Biblical Studies
Exodus
1 and 2 Kings
Joshua
The Minor Prophets
Luke's Gospel
Philippians
Colossians
1 and 2 Timothy
Revelation

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Capernwray has
been such a great
place to learn
biblical truth
and be part of a
thriving community
of people.



STUDYING FOR A YEAR

Winter School:
September-March
Spring School:
April-June

You can combine both Winter School and Spring School to study at Capernwray for nine months. It is a great opportunity to allow God time to change your life.

You will get the opportunity to deepen your relationship with him and increase your understanding of the Bible through a comprehensive range of teaching focused on practical Christian living.

You will be taught from a wide range of biblical books and a variety of theological topics and you will get regular opportunities to put into practice what you have been learning in class through local, national and international outreaches. You will also attend a local church every Sunday morning.

We are confident that you will leave here having grown in your walk with Jesus and better equipped to live the Christian life.

If you apply for both courses you will receive a significant multi-course discount.



**“Experience the
freedom of the
indwelling life
of Christ”**

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A DEEPER EXPERIENCE

Capernwray has made the Bible so much more relevant to me in my life. Studying at both Winter and Spring School has given me a great opportunity to think, reflect deeply on life, and make the right decisions about what to do next.

BIBLE TEACHING

Our number one focus at Capernwray is telling people about Jesus and equipping them to serve within his Church. This means the Bible is our core focus of teaching material and provides the foundation for all our theology.

As a result, all our lectures are based on faithful exposition of the Scriptures; we dig both deep and wide into God's word, and we try to strike a good balance between Old and New Testaments. Our overall approach recognises the need for both systematic theology and biblical studies.

We also cover many practical topics about the Church and Christian life, addressing key contemporary theological issues including:

- The Authority of Scripture
- The Father Heart of God
- Personal Evangelism
- Union with Christ
- The Holy Spirit
- Church History
- World Religions
- World Mission
- The Church
- Worship
- Prayer
- Eschatology

We feel that it is vitally important that our biblical teaching is not separated from the demands and challenges of everyday life. Consequently the majority of our visiting bible teachers come from a variety of current or recent ministry backgrounds. Although their roles may range from local church pastors to international evangelists, they all bring a wealth of personal experience which enriches their teaching and practically equips the students.

Please see the course pages of this booklet to see the range of books and topics that we cover during Bible School. You can also watch a number of full teaching series on our website and YouTube channel.



COMMUNITY LIVING

As a student, you'll live in a loving and caring community of over 150 fellow students and around 50 members of staff. We hope the experience will transform you, and most people leave having made lifelong friends from around the world.

You will also be part of a Family Group, Interactive Group and New Testament Discussion Group, meeting each week. These groups are brilliant for building strong relationships.

Family Group will be led by two or three staff members, and will meet to pray and share together each Wednesday morning. Your group leader will look out for your well-being and be happy to talk over personal matters with you if you want to. Family group leaders also arrange occasional social events each term on a Friday evening.

Interactive groups will only have students in them, and will usually be made up of people from the same part of the world as you. They are a place to discuss issues that come up from studying, share thoughts and ideas about the content of the Bible, and a great opportunity to exercise leadership skills.

In Winter School the **New Testament Discussion Groups** look at Christian issues with a particular focus on the letters of Paul. These groups are also student-led and provide similar leading and learning opportunities as the interactive groups. They are vital in embedding learning that has arisen during lectures and help students form practical patterns for life based upon the Bible.

We want to do our utmost to care for you whilst you are with us and highly prioritise our **Pastoral Care**. Every one of us is different and we come from a range of backgrounds and with varied experience. You may come to Bible School with issues you are already aware of, or as you develop and deepen your relationship with Jesus, other issues may arise. We will assist you in any way we can.

Our overall aim is that you will feel like you have become part of a big family when you come to Capernwray, and that you feel supported and encouraged in your walk with God.



PROCLAIMING FREEDOM THROUGH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR OVER 75 YEARS

The history of Capernwray Bible School is grounded in one man's desire to tell as many people as he could about the transforming presence and indwelling life of Jesus.

As the Second World War ended Major Ian Thomas, who was at the time serving with the British Army in Germany, was longing for a place where young people could come and hear clearly the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ in their lives. He sent a telegram to his wife, asking her to go and bid for Capernwray Hall at a local auction.

Mrs Joan Thomas reluctantly walked into Lancaster Town Hall on the day of the auction, little knowing or realising the full significance that the day was going to have for her family and for thousands of people from every corner of the world.

The successful purchase of Capernwray Hall meant that Major and Mrs Thomas could fulfil what they believed was God's new purpose for the property: to make it a place where young people could come and stay and be introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first ten guests from Britain arrived in May 1947, followed by a group of young Germans as part of an education programme funded by the British Foreign Office. Through these visits many came to discover the life-transforming presence of Jesus Christ which led to the establishment of the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship of Torchbearers.

In the winter of 1949 a Bible School was founded to meet the needs of the many young Christians who had taken their first steps in the Christian faith at Capernwray. This soon became two separate intakes, Winter and Spring School, which now sees around 250 international students come through our doors each year.

What has always remained throughout this time has been the desire to keep proclaiming the transforming presence of the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical teaching and practical training. Our heartbeat continues to be the equipping of men and women for service in the church worldwide.



OUTREACH

We feel that it's absolutely vital that students transfer the Bible teaching and practical training they receive into real life situations. We facilitate this by giving all students regular opportunities to participate in local, national and international outreach activities.

The primary means for outreach is your attendance at a local church each Sunday. These will be assigned to you and will give you an opportunity to meet with Christians based in the UK.

More generally there will be numerous chances to participate in homeless ministry, attend senior citizen centres, Sunday Schools, youth groups, open air events, school assemblies, classes and Christian Unions.

We have great relationships with many local churches and often partner with their ministries. Student teams sometimes conduct their services and there are also a number of outreach events that are held at Capernwray throughout the year including our annual Christmas Presentation and Open Days that serve our local community.

Finally, there is also a specific 10-day outreach that takes place during the second term of Winter School in which all students work with a number of UK churches, with additional opportunities for national and international missions trips.

“Open yourself
up to future
possibilities...”



FACILITIES

There are many **social areas** around the site to spend time with others. **The Lounge** is a good place to chat with others. In the winter there is often a fire blazing and also a piano for you to play. We have a specific **Games Room** set aside for indoor games such as pool, air hockey and table football. It is also a good place to play board games or cards.

If you are looking for a more **secluded space** to read or study, we have **two libraries** which have, as well as the recommended books for your course, many Christian biographies and fiction to inspire and entertain you. **The Quiet Room** is also a set aside place to be still — to think, read, pray or study.

In the **Sports Hall** you can play football, basketball, cricket, hockey, volleyball and dodgeball. We also have outdoor facilities for football, netball, volleyball, croquet, shuffleboard, tennis, frisbee golf and outdoor chess. At certain times during the day you can access our own **Swimming Pool and Sauna**.

All teaching takes place in our **Conference Hall** where everyone has their lectures together. It is also a good place to study in the afternoons when you have free time.

We believe that eating together is a vital part of living together as a community of believers. Everyone gathers three times a day in our **Dining Hall** to eat — both to refuel physically and also to build friendships and relationships. In between meals, we also serve light snacks, home-made treats and drinks.

Our students come from around the world, and so does our wide range of hot and cold dishes. They're generally served with salad, fresh fruit and water, with tea and coffee also available.

Sharing a **bedroom** with other students is a great opportunity to get to know them and their culture, and build lasting friendships. In most cases you will probably be in a room with three or four other students. There are also a few single rooms, two-bedded rooms and some larger ones. When we allocate rooms we'll take your age into account.

Most rooms include:

- Sink and wash basin
- Desk and writing area with chair
- Storage for clothes
- Bedside table and lamp
- All bedding provided

Many rooms have spectacular views over the Capernwray estate.

Our **Grounds and Gardens** are a great place to walk and talk with others or just sit and admire the beauty of creation that surrounds the Hall. There is a walking loop that takes you through the 175 acre grounds including many sheep-filled fields that offer an inspiring opportunity to ponder the farming metaphors often employed in the Bible. There are also plenty of benches scattered throughout our wonderful gardens to enjoy at any time of the year.



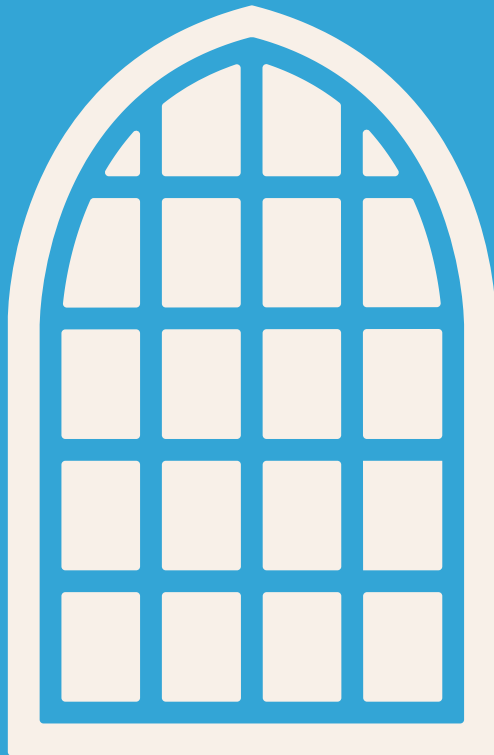


TASTER WEEKS

Experience life at Capernwray, learn alongside other students and be equipped for all that God has for you in your church, place of study or work.

Taster weeks are a great opportunity to get an insight into student life on one of our Bible courses. As well as finding out whether you would like to become a full time student, you can also use a Taster Week as a study break or to learn about a particular book of the Bible or theological topic.

You will get access to the entire teaching programme and student activities for the week, plus accommodation and all meals provided. Each week runs from Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon.



WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

If you are interested in coming to Capernwray our first recommendation would be to consult with a few people who are close to you to see what they think.

This would also be a good time to ask the relevant people if they would be one of the references we ask for during the application process - one will be needed from your current church leader and another from a person who knows you well.

We would love you to come here but we want to make sure it is the right thing for you at this present moment in time.

Specific course fees and the latest term dates can be found on our website. For further information email info@capernwray.org or call 01524 733908.

When you are ready to apply the first step is to fill in an online application form on our website and we'll be in touch soon after. You will be required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £30 to complete your application.

If you are an overseas student then please make sure you read the latest visa guidance available on our website.



