



BIBLE SCHOOL

WHERE GOD
CHANGES LIVES

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IT'S TIME TO FOCUS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Capernwray offers a unique environment where you can discover or deepen a living relationship with the Lord Jesus through biblical teaching and practical training while living in a supportive and vibrant community.

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.

You will stay in our stunning manor house, located in a beautiful part of Northwest England, on the border of two National Parks, with accommodation and meals included.

All of 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 cross-cultural community of people, learn how to apply it to your life.



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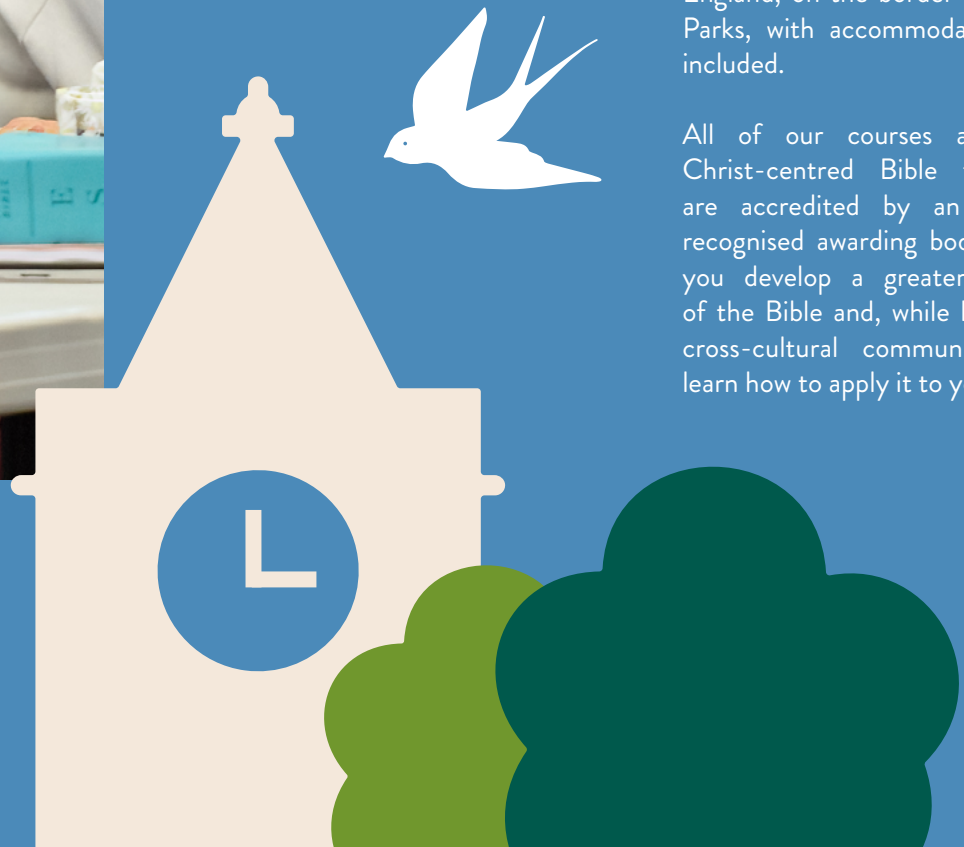
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We have built our study programme around the core value of discovering more about the life-transforming presence of Jesus Christ.



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, which appears to read '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 166-acre estate, with its woodlands, 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.



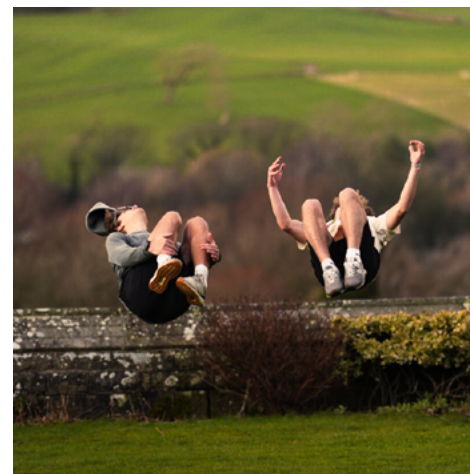
FACILITIES

There are many **social areas** around the site to spend time with others. **The Lounge** is a good place to chat and hang out with others. We have a specific **Games Room** set aside for indoor games such as pool, table tennis 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 a **Library** which has, 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, pickleball, volleyball and dodgeball. We also have outdoor facilities for football, netball, volleyball, croquet, shuffleboard, tennis, frisbee golf, spikeball and outdoor chess. Organised activities and tournaments will be arranged, and you can also use the facilities in your free time. At certain times during the day you can access our own **Swimming Pool and Sauna**. Our **Gym** enables you to keep in shape by yourself or with others.

All teaching takes place in our **Conference Hall** where everyone has their lectures together.



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Some of the sweetest memories I have were spent here and some of the strongest friendships I've ever made were formed here.



FACILITIES

If you are musical (or want to learn) we have 3 **Music Practice Rooms** recently kitted out to enable you to practise or compose on your own, in a small ensemble or as part of a bigger group.

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 in our on-site **Beehive cafe**. We can cater for certain special diets - see our website for more information.

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 a few single rooms, a few two-bedded rooms and many 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



WHAT DOES BIBLE SCHOOL AT CAPERNWRAY LOOK LIKE?

Attending Bible School at Capernwray gives you the opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Bible, through a comprehensive range of teaching focused on practical Christian living.

You will be taught across a range of Bible books, Old and New Testament and cover a variety of theological topics. The main content of the course is taught by experienced and gifted teachers, and each School leads to a separate externally validated qualification. The timetable includes class-based lectures, practical seminars and learning by experience. You will get regular opportunities to put into practice what you have been learning through local outreaches. You will also attend a local church every Sunday morning.

You will study as part of a vibrant international community while living amongst a diverse group of fellow Christians in a beautiful part of the English countryside.

In each School there is a weekend set aside for you to travel and explore the UK or further afield.

Your fees cover all accommodation, all on-site social activities and all your meals.

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

You can attend Winter School for 6 months or Spring School for 9-10 weeks, or (and we like to recommend this) you can attend both to benefit from the full teaching and experience that Capernwray offers. Capernwray Bible Schools are a great opportunity to allow God time to change your life.

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





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The teaching, the friends, the sport, the fun, the times of deeping my faith in God, they have all had transformative effects on my life.

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.



WINTER SCHOOL

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

Term 1: September-December

Term 2: January-March

Special Events: Christmas Outreach and Outreach Placement Week

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

At Winter Bible School you will be taught faithfully from the Bible, covering a wide range of individual books and a variety of theological topics.

You will have regular 'Route Planner' sessions providing an overview of every Old Testament book, tracking your weekly Bible reading schedule. Units studied include Introductions to the Old Testament and the New Testament, Christianity in Contemporary Western Society, Christian Doctrine and Spiritual Formation.

There will be seminars dealing with the practical aspects of the Christian life. In addition, you will be trained in writing and leading a Small Group Bible Study, which we

trust will embed useful skills to carry into your future life and local church context. In the second term, there is the opportunity to put your learning into practice as part of a team on a national or international week long outreach placement.

You can attend Winter School for 6 months and attend Spring School for 10 weeks. If you apply for both courses you will receive a significant multi-course discount.



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

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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

SPRING SCHOOL

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

Dates: April-June

Special Events: Open Day Outreach

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 opportunity to study the Bible at a deep level for a relatively short space of time, while enjoying English spring 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 (with or without the Winter Bible School).

You will be taught directly from the Bible and cover a number of theological topics. Your regular Route Planner sessions will provide an overview of every New Testament book and your weekly Bible reading plan will cover the entire New Testament. The three set Units are Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies and Studies in Practical Theology. As well as marked assignments, there will be plenty of time for deeper discussions within the various student groups that you will be a part of during your stay.

**occasionally nine weeks - see term dates on the website*



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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

STUDY STREAMS



Depending on gifts, passions and sense of calling students will have the chance to opt in to one of a series of Friday study streams, in which they will be coached

by specialists in particular ministries. The details may vary, but in a typical Bible School, students will have a choice of these sorts of study streams:



OUTWARD BOUND

Day-long adventures in the South Lakes learning biblical discipleship through hiking, climbing and kayaking.



FAITH AND THE ARTS

Testimony, Bible principles and master-classes from Christian artists working in a variety of media, including the chance for students to create and submit artwork for an end-of-school show.



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS WORK

Training and weekly in-school experience in sharing the gospel in British state school classrooms.



TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

Training and practice in preparing and leading local church services, including input from Capernwray staff and visiting preachers and leaders.



WORSHIP AND SONGWRITING

Training in leading and writing sung worship, using Capernwray's new music practice rooms and including sessions with experienced worship leaders and songwriters.



FAITH ON THE FRONTLINE

Principles and practices of being salt and light in the secular workplace.

COMING FOR A YEAR

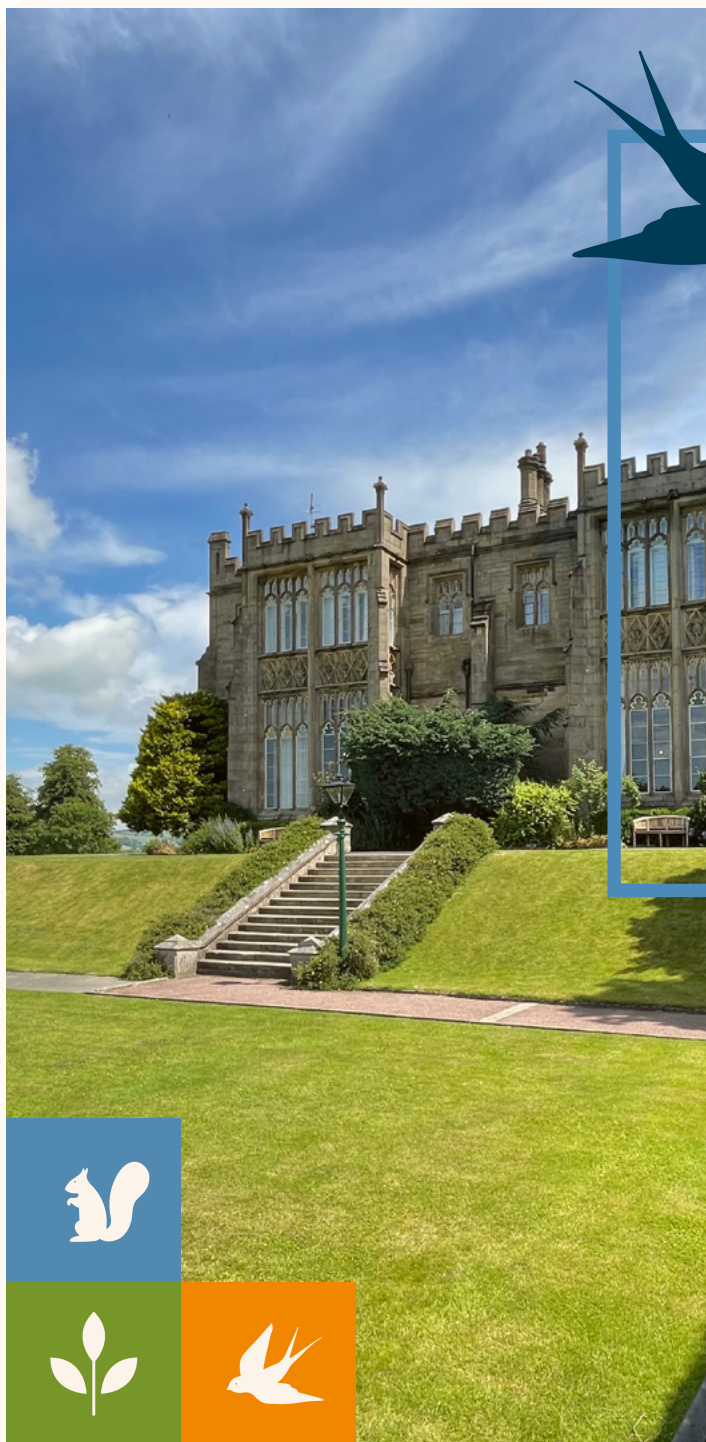
Winter School:
September-March
Spring School:
April-June
SaLT programme:
September-August

Many students choose to study both Winter School and Spring School at Capernwray for nine months. It is a great opportunity to allow God even more time to change your life.

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

We also offer a one-year residential volunteering opportunity that provides experience and training for developing Christians to live, serve and lead well in all walks of life. The Serving and Leadership Training (SaLT) programme is a wonderful chance to discover and develop your giftings and have the opportunity to be actively involved in helping us prepare and run every aspect of our ministry.

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



“Experience the freedom of the
indwelling life of Christ”

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SPENDING A
YEAR INVESTING
IN MY FAITH
BEFORE GOING
TO UNIVERSITY
HAS TURNED OUT
TO BE REALLY
FRUITFUL!

LEISURE AND SOCIALS

In your free time you will have plenty of options to immerse yourself in vibrant community life, make yourself at home in our facilities and explore the great outdoors right on our doorstep!

Each school, a variety of weekly socials will be arranged, from wide games, escape rooms, lip sync battles, dance classes, karaoke, quiz nights to bonfires and worship nights.

There will also be planned sport options and tournaments for those who like to be active, such as volleyball, spikeball, jump rope sessions and parkruns.

Whether you enjoy going on walks, playing board games, working out in the gym, movie nights, playing an instrument, crafting, or reading a book with a cup of tea, we are confident you will have many options to enjoy your time with us.

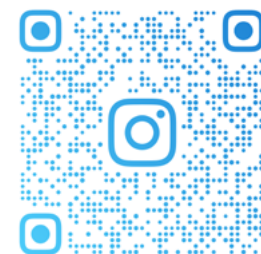
We won't let you forget you're in the UK. There will be organised trips to the iconic Lake District and cities like Liverpool, Manchester and Edinburgh, and a long weekend set aside to explore the wider UK or even Europe.

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It doesn't matter who you are, what you look like or what you're interested in, no matter what, you will belong.



Check out our @capernwray.life Instagram account to see Capernwray from the students' perspective.



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*Be open that every
lecture and every
assignment and
conversation can
teach you something
about Jesus and be
ready for Him to
work in your life.*

REASONS TO STUDY AT CAPERNWRAY

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



OUR BELIEFS AND VALUES

Our mission is to proclaim the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through biblical teaching and practical training, equipping men and women for service in His Church worldwide.

At Capernwray, we come from many different walks of life and cultural backgrounds, but we have one thing in common: we are passionate about sharing the life of Jesus through what we say and do!

We don't belong to a particular Christian denomination but we do hold a core set of evangelical beliefs in God and His Word. We are also part of Torchbearers International, a fellowship of Bible School and Conference centres around the world that share a common mission and set of values.



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OUR 4 CORE VALUES

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WE'RE
JESUS
PEOPLE

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WE'RE
BIBLE
PEOPLE

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WE'RE A
UNITED
PEOPLE

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WE'RE A
MISSIONARY
PEOPLE

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 sample 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 well over 100 fellow students and around 60 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 and Small Group Bible Study, 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.

Small Group Bible Studies will only have students in them, and will usually be made up of people from the same part of the world as you. All students will be trained in turning the study of a New Testament passage into a small group Bible study, and will then get a chance to lead their group for a session, using the material they have prepared. In doing so we'll be deepening

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At Capernwray, God has been teaching me the joy of community, even when we are all from different cultures.



our ability to handle the Bible well and lead others in the study of God's word.

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.

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 and serve alongside Christians based in the UK.

More generally there will be numerous chances to participate in homeless ministry, prisons, 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.

As two ministries motivated by mission, and with an association over many years, Capernwray and Operation Mobilisation (OM) are thrilled to be building even stronger links. OM teach our students on mission at each Bible School, while we promote OM's short-term global mission opportunities with dates tailored to our term dates, for those who want to move on from Capernwray to Live out Love in imaginative ways.

Finally, there is also a specific Outreach Placement Week 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...”



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 those few minutes were 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.



HOLIDAYS FOR ALL AGES



We offer a variety of Christian holidays for **families, adults, children** and **youth** throughout the year. All our holidays include inspirational Bible teaching and worship, full board with a delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner, comfortable accommodation and plenty of time for great activities and relaxation. Whether you come on your own, with family and friends, or with a group from church, we pray you will be encouraged, spiritually refreshed and equipped.

BOOK YOUR NEXT HOLIDAY TODAY:
capernwray.org/holidays



BIBLE SCHOOL FAQ

What is the application deadline?

There is no set deadline for applying to Bible School. We encourage you to apply early, but understand that some people have to apply at short notice. If you need a visa to enter the UK you should adjust your application time accordingly.

What age is Bible School for?

Our Bible School courses are for adults and Capernwray treats its students as independent, mature individuals. We enrol students who will have reached 18 years of age before the date of their arrival. While the majority of our Bible School students are 18-25 years old, our community greatly benefits from having older students. It is definitely rewarding for the mature students too!

How good does my English need to be to study at Capernwray?

A good level of English proficiency is necessary to study at Capernwray, otherwise it can be a frustrating and lonely experience. If you have any concerns then please get in touch with us so we can discuss this further and advise you appropriately.

Laptops, Wifi and Printing

Excellent wifi access is available across the site. All assignments and lecture notes are accessed online, so bringing an internet-ready device (such as a laptop or a tablet) is essential. If bringing a tablet please check its functionality for Google Classroom. There are printers and paper for students to use for work connected to Bible School.

Is there any financial support available?

A core part of Capernwray's vision is to ensure that the opportunity to study God's Word and experience His transformational presence is available to as many potential students as possible. During the online application process there is a section where you can apply for the Financial Assistance Sponsorship. We also have a limited number of places set aside for students who could not otherwise afford to come in the form of a Financial Hardship Fund.



Find more FAQ's on our website:
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TASTER WEEKS



Sample Taster Week Topics

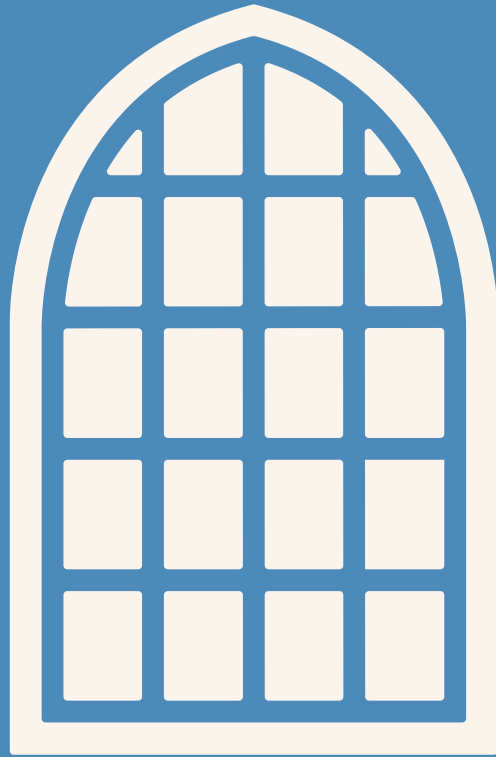
- The Life of Abraham
- Colossians
- Romans
- Apologetics
- 1 Samuel
- Creation Care
- 1 Timothy
- Church
- I'm in Christ, He's in me
- The Exodus
- Joshua
- Walk Through the Bible
- The Father Heart of God
- World Religions

and more!

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. Taster Weeks can be booked and paid on our website.



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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 provide 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 admissions@capernwray.org or call +44 (0)1524 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 from outside the UK then please make sure you read the latest visa guidance available on our website.



