# **Sound Church** Pastoral & Creative College

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# As **we stand** on the edge of a new church;

where the Holy Spirit presides over run sheets; where signs & wonders are everyday; where entertainment is replaced with wholehearted worship; where the church uses it's voice proactively and discerningly; where God uses artists to pour beauty and wonder into a desperate world; where Pastors are trained & equipped to navigate trauma and diagnosis, as we see the power of God healing the broken hearted; where we approach God & His Kingdom with humility and confidence; reverence and power; empathy and conviction.



### About Sound Church



Sound Church is a church based in Bath – UK, that believes that following Jesus is the answer the world is looking for; and following him is life transforming, purpose giving and His church is the hope of the world. As a Church, Isaiah 61 & Isaiah 58 are foundational scriptures for us as a house of healing in a world that is increasingly traumatised & needing freedom.

We believe that an inter-generational church is God's design and we have a wide demographic who are a part of Sound Church and have done since the Church was planted in 2000. Roughly 1/3 of the church are under 18 and investing in the next generation is right at the heart of what we care about. The church is full of people who both live in Bath, and those who commute from throughout England & Wales. Words that some may use to describe the beliefs & practices are; evangelical, charismatic & trauma informed.

In 2005 the first College was launched from Sound Church (formally known as Freedom Centre UK), and paused in 2016 and the Sound Church Auditorium was built & opened in July 2019.

We're excited to be re-launching in 2024 with a brand-new faculty, facilities & team!







### About the Pastoral & Creative College

The Pastoral & Creative College is a 9-month program taking place 2 days a week, on Thursdays & Fridays at Sound Church, with placement on Sundays. We believe that every student will not only grow in their pastoral or creative gifting, skill and develop a strong theological foundation; but they will also grow in discernment, listening to the voice of God & the prophetic, and learn to pastor & create from a vulnerable, but safe place.

We believe that these are the Creative & the Pastoral people that this world needs.

### Meet the team



**Betsy** Founding & Lead Pastor of Sound Church

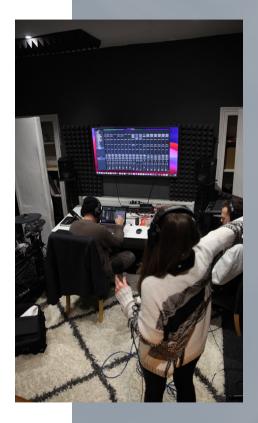


Josh Associate Pastor & College Leader













## **Meet** the Faculty

#### **Pastoral Faculty**

All of the pastoral faculty have been in senior church leadership for many years.



John Greenow Associate Pastor at Glow Church UK



Mark Hopkins Executive Pastor at Wave Church, VA



Andrew de Thierry Chaplain & Theology Teacher



Stephen Matthew Building Church Academy



Gordon Hickson Heartcry for Change Associate & Author



Bonnie Inkster Intercessor



Alan McWilliam Cairn Movement



Rachel Hickson Heartcry for Change Director & Author



Jim Inkster Leadership Coach



Bernard Sanders Global Apostle

## **Meet** the Faculty

### **Creative Faculty**



Robin Richmond Branding & Visual Arts Photo coming

Lucie Richmond Visual Artist



Sarah Hawkins Graphic Designer



Jonah de Thierry Lighting Designer & Broadcast Team Lead



Tammy Howard Dance Teacher



Jess Dingis Songwriter & Worship Leader

## Course Content & Key Themes

Alongside seminars with the faculty, throughout the year each college student will be assigned a mentor from within Sound Church. The mentor will work with the course leaders & assignment will be dependent on whether the student selects majoring in the Pastoral or Creative stream. Core Teaching Modules:

- Foundational Theology & Hermeneutics
- Navigating the Complexities of Self, Integrity & Character
- Longevity: The impact of Trauma on Pastors and Creatives
- Creating & Pastoring from the Depths (what can only you can bring?)
- Theology: Hearing the Voice of God & Prophecy
- Leadership in & out of the Church

Additional Pastoral Modules	Additional Creative Modules
How to create environments that welcome the Holy Spirit	The Songwriting Process
Applied Safeguarding (Yourself & Vulnerable People)	Freelancing: How to Create Opportunities
More to be added	

### Cost, Times & Important Information

Sound Church has 3 open afternoons, after the morning services in April, June & August. Come and get a taste of what a day as a College Student would look like here in Bath. You'll have an opportunity to meet the college team, have a tour of the facilities and get a feel for Sound Church! Bring your questions and we'd love to answer them & get to know you!

#### **Open Afternoons**

21st April | 23rd June | 25th August

Book an open afternoon at www.soundchurch.co.uk/college

#### Semester details:

Semester 1 3rd October - 20th December

Semester 2 9th January - 6th April

Semester 3 20th April - 13th July

## **Application Pathway** ଧ Fees

Entry Requirements: -

- You must be part of an existing Christian community and you will be required to supply referees from leaders to support your application.
- You must be aged 18+
- Applicants with a Creative Major, will be required to submit a portfolio of their work upon request.
- Applications with a Pastoral Major, will be required to write a short essay upon request.
  - 1 Pray about applying for the Pastoral & Creative College

2 Attend an Open Afternoon (optional, but encouraged)

3 Complete & Submit Your Application

- 4 Meet the College Team to Discuss your Application (on zoom)
- 5 Sound Church will Respond to Your Application

### Fees

The total cost for a student attending Sound Church College is £1,800. Please note, this does not include living costs.

### Contact Us & find out more

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