

**trent  
gap  
year**

**INFORMATION  
BOOKLET**



**I [Jesus] have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full.**

**John 10:10**



# What's the purpose?

Our hope is that through the **trent gap year**, together you will learn what it looks like to pursue Jesus fully.

The **trent gap year** is a year of exploring exactly what it looks like to follow Jesus, allowing him to transform our lives.

Through serving, teaching and investment - we want to equip you to be all that you can be, discover more of who God is and His plan for your life, and have a lot of fun along the way! A big part of the year will also be spent investing in the youth ministry here at Trent Vineyard, being part of the team and building relationships with the young people through discipleship and Trent Youth activities.



***“It’s had a massive impact on me and enabled me to spend a year focusing on my relationship with Jesus.”***



# What do you get up to?

The **trent gap year** is part-time, and will generally involve Mondays, Tuesdays and Sundays. There will also be different events throughout the year that will fall outside of that, such as: Youth Weekends Away; conferences like Cause To Live For; and other amazing opportunities. However, you will have time throughout the rest of the week to find yourself some part time work.

This year would be asking you to give almost a whole year or your life (your time, energy, gifting, passion, loyalty) to the church – around 20 hours of your week, for 11 months from September through to July.





## **Mondays**

Each Monday we will gather together as a community to spend the day in teaching and prayer.

Excitingly, once a fortnight we will start the day by joining the staff meeting – a chance to join in with the rest of the staff team, worship and pray together and hear about what’s happening in the rest of the church, before continuing with the rest of the **trent gap year** day.

The sessions will consist of teaching, sharing, looking at the Bible together, praying for each other, planning your trip for term 3, or going out to do something more practical. A key part of the year will be encouraging each other in stepping out in boldness and sharing our faith – so we will spend some sessions out telling people about Jesus or doing a blessing the community project.



## Tuesdays

Serving those in need is a huge part of following Jesus, and The Arches provides an amazing opportunity to do so. The Arches is a practical resource and support centre for those in need across the city of Nottingham, a place that provides anything and everything from a piece of furniture to a cup of tea.

Tuesday morning's will be spent over in The Arches, beginning with some prayer and worship before serving on team. You will get a chance to try out loads of different roles, ranging from project working to delivering resources on the van. You'll finish the morning around 12.30pm in order to go grab yourself some lunch.

Tuesday afternoons will then be spent serving in Trent Youth, the ministry for 11-18's at the church. As part of the **trent gap year**, you will play a vital role in the Trent Youth Team, and each Tuesday afternoon you will spend time with the rest of the Trent Youth staff team. This will be a space to get involved in planning various different events, working on Trent Youth projects, helping out with schools and outreach work, and pulling together ideas to help Trent Youth grow and thrive.

In the evening – the Trent Youth team will then spend time sharing dinner together before Trent Youth Tuesday's begin! This is a chance for our young people to come and hang out at the youth centre, and will be an amazing opportunity for you to get involved in small groups, workshops, and spend time with many of the young people in the church.





## **Sundays**

We believe that a key part of being part of Trent is getting involved and serving on the Sundays. These provide a great space to serve and meet loads of others in the church. Not only will you be involved with Trent Youth, you will also be part of a number of different teams. This could be anything from refreshments, to set up, or even car parking! All together this will involve serving at 6 services each month, and then attending the rest!

## **Term 3**

In the last term of the year, you will have the opportunity to go abroad to LIV Village in South Africa for a month. We are excited for you to go out of your usual context to seek Jesus and meet the needs of the local community there.

The mission trip to LIV Village is an independent venture - we will liaise with the Village on your behalf but everything else is your responsibility as a group. For example, flights, vaccines plus travel and health insurance. Over Terms 1 and 2, you will have opportunities to plan and fund raise the £1,500 needed to make the trip possible!



***“I’ve just loved serving  
Jesus in whatever way I  
can.”***



# What are the expectations?

**We long to see you grow, develop, and become more like Jesus throughout the year.**

During the year you will be in a real position of influence, especially among the young people in the church, and so the expectation is that you will be living a life that is committed to Jesus. A big part of that will require you to be open to challenge, guidance and direction. It is an amazing chance to have a number of people investing in you, but with that comes others speaking into your life about anything and everything, including relationships, behaviours and attitudes.

This is a great opportunity to really push into your spiritual formation, and we would love to provide you with a mentor for the year who will put aside time to hang out with you, keep you accountable, and answer any questions you may have.



## Small Group

As a member of the church, you'll be expected to regularly attend a small group so you can fully get involved in the church community. Small groups are a really important way to be part of the church, and if you're not part of one already – then we can help you find one! This is essential to getting involved in the wider church, making new friends, and being part of an accountable community.

## Costs

There is absolutely no cost for the **trent gap year**, it's completely free! We'll cover the costs of the course, but with that – it's up to you to take responsibility for your living costs for the year.

## Accommodation

If you are moving to Nottingham for the **trent gap year**, there may be families within the church that might be interested in having a lodger at a relatively low rate. We cannot guarantee accommodation for anyone involved in the year, but we will do all we can to help you with this.



# What next?

## **Seek God.**

Pray. Talk to those you love and trust.

If it's right for you – this year will be an exciting and pivotal year in your journey of pursuing Jesus.

## **Apply.**

Fill in application form by heading to our website:

**[trentv.org/gapyear](https://trentv.org/gapyear)**

Within a few weeks, we'll invite you to an informal interview, and then let you know if we feel it's the right thing for you and whether we'll offer you a place.

## **Questions?**

Feel free to get in touch at **[gapyear@trentvineyard.org](mailto:gapyear@trentvineyard.org)**

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***“I loved getting to know the young people at church and exploring Jesus with the other guys on the year.”***



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