

Hello!

I'm Thomas, and I'm excited to invite you to partner with me in a new season of life as I explore full-time ministry, training at Carey Baptist Church. To introduce this initiative, here's a message from our Senior Pastor, Peter Scott:

Carey Church is thrilled to announce the launch of our MTS (Ministry Training Strategy); a dedicated initiative for people exploring a potential career in full-time ministry. This program builds on the encouraging success of our recent Rise Internship, which inspired many participants to consider deeper involvement in ministry.

Typically, participants commit to one or two years of full-time ministry work, where they receive training, education, and mentoring to help them discern their calling and develop the skills needed for ministry.

As we embark on this journey, I'm reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 9:35-38:

"Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.'"

The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the workers are few. Jesus has called all of us to be workers for His kingdom. In addition, what a blessing it is that, for some, God has called them to do this work as a full-time paid vocation. This program seeks to raise up these workers, equipping them with the resources and support they need. As Jesus implies, this work is not done alone—it requires the whole church to partner together in prayer and practical support.

To help our participants fully commit to this journey, we're inviting you to partner with us through prayer and financial support. Your tax-deductible contributions will enable them to focus entirely on their training and ministry work, free from financial burdens. Together, we can empower these individuals to grow spiritually, serve the church and community, and discern God's calling on their lives.

It's a privilege to commend Thomas Wilson, a long-time member of the Carey community, to you as our first MTS apprentice.

~ Peter Scott

I've been part of the Carey community since 2006 when I was enrolled in Pre-Primary at the College. I was baptised in 2014 at Carey Harrisdale Church and have both volunteered and worked in kids and youth ministry for the last six years.

Last year, I was part of the first cohort of the Carey Rise Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology, which profoundly shaped me spiritually and ultimately led me to consider a career in full-time paid ministry. After much prayer and discussion, I sense God leading me to explore this path further, which is why I'm engaging in this full-time apprenticeship this year. I am excited to see where He leads me, and I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to explore my calling in partnership with you, His church.

How You Can Partner with Me:

If you feel led to partner with me, and Carey Church, in this exciting new endeavour, here are some ways you can get involved:

- **Reflect and Pray:** Please take time to pray and think about how God might be calling you to support this program. Your prayers are the most valuable way to partner with me, and you can sign up to my prayer letter [here](#).
- **Engage with Me:** I'd love to chat with you personally. Feel free to reach out to me, or have a conversation with our Senior Pastor, Peter Scott, or Nicholas Lockwood to learn more.
- **Financial Support:** Your financial partnership makes a real difference in my ministry journey. Did you know that just \$8 per week (less than the cost of two coffees) or \$40 per fortnight (less than a family takeaway meal) can help fund my full-time training and ministry work? Every little bit counts, and all donations are tax-deductible. To see how easy it is to get involved, check out the details [here](#).
- **Watch My Sermon:** You can watch a sermon I preached recently where I shared more about my journey. Scan the QR code below to watch it or [click here](#).



Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and may God bless you abundantly.

God Bless,

Thomas and Carey Church



Carey Church's MTS Webpage