

Introduction to Preaching

Co-ordinator

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Overall Aim

The preaching ministry is central to the life and work of the Church. This Ministry Skills Stream aims to examine the role of the sermon in public worship and equip participants as preachers and listeners, to enable both those who are called to be preachers and those who listen to preaching to understand the role of the sermon. The stream will look at principles of composition and delivery of sermons as well as the role of the sermon in public worship.

Learning Goals

On completion of this Ministry Skills Stream participants will be able to:

- Prepare and deliver a sermon;
- Appraise a sermon.

Dates of Stream

Saturdays: 9th April, 30th July and 19th November at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College. Please check the NSTM website for further information and the programme for each day at www.schooloftheology.net

Successfully Completing Your Ministry Skills Stream

In order to successfully complete this ministry skills stream, you will be required to:

- attend all sessions throughout the programme, or have received permission to be absent from one session only prior to the session taking place, and satisfied the stream leader that aspects covered in that session have been studied in another form;
- actively participate as required in sessions;
- submit the assessed task on the date on which it is due.

Topics

The topics to be covered in the nine sessions will include: the place of preaching in Anglican worship; differing styles of sermons; the sermon as a learning experience; resources for sermon writing.

Assessed Task

Delivery of a practice sermon.

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