

ALM Preaching Elective

Date & Time	Session Plan
23/02/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 1 – <i>What is Preaching?</i> We introduce the different participants in a sermon and consider the purpose of preaching. By the end of this session, students will have explored some of their assumptions about preaching and considered some core biblical principles that underpin its practice.
FLEXIBLE (Online resource for self-guided learning)	Session 2a – <i>The Content of Preaching Part One (Wrestling with Scripture)</i> We briefly explore how scriptures are given to or chosen by preachers, including some reflection on preaching from the lectionary. We take a look at the way we read and interpret scripture as preachers, considering the different “worlds” of the text and discovering the importance of finding “trouble”. By the end of this session, students will be more confident in exegeting the Bible and recognise the questions they bring to the text.
02/03/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 2b – <i>The Content of Preaching Part Two (Living in the Story of Scripture)</i> This is a practical session (solely for those training as ALMs) where we journey deeper into the scriptures to encounter God on behalf of ourselves and others. By the end of this session, students will have a richer understanding of the variety of ways God speaks through the scriptures to different people.
09/03/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 3 – <i>The Context for Preaching</i> We look at what is sometimes called “congregational exegesis” and consider the task of preaching in different contexts to a range of people. Having considered the context, we begin to look at the choices that preachers make to determine a focus and function for their sermons. By the end of this session, students will be able to make better informed choices sermon structure and content based on their “reading” of the congregation.
16/03/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 4 – <i>The Call to Preach</i> We consider the skills, habits and spiritual disciplines required to be an effective preacher. This session includes hearing a “live” sermon and interviewing a guest preacher. By the end of this session, students will be able to identify the responsibilities of a preacher and reflect the importance and impact of their own prayer and devotional life on preaching.
23/03/21 7.15pm – 9.00pm Zoom	Session 5 – <i>The Craft of Preaching</i> We look at different ways that sermons are crafted, considering introductions, signposts, transitions, and endings. We also discuss practical things such as voice control, notes and scripts. By the end of this session, using an example, students will be able to describe and discuss the way they have structured a short talk.