

To reserve a place on:

SIFTing the Infancy Narratives
...a method of refreshing our preaching...

On Thursday 27th November 2008

Please return your completed booking form
(overleaf) as soon as possible, to:

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times as you wish and distribute it to friends and
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*We look forward to welcoming you to
The Mirfield Centre.*

The day will be led by:

Revd Pat Holmes

Pat is currently serving as Vicar of St Matthew's Church, Northowram, following a curacy in the Almodbury Team Parish. Married to Graham, they have two grown up children and a beautiful grandson, Nathan.

Pat has been in ordained ministry since 1990, initially as a Baptist Minister in Bradford. Following a one year transition with the Northern Ordination Course, she has been with the Anglican Church since 1996. She studied at Bristol Baptist College earning a BA in Theology and Religious Studies, followed by an MA in Political Theology. Pat is a qualified Counsellor and Myers Briggs Practitioner, and is currently studying for an M.Ed in Faith and Psychology.

Having a passion for preaching, and having been involved in tutoring Curates in CME and Readers in training since 2000, Pat is particularly interested in the interplay between faith and psychological type and how this impacts the preaching event.

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2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

The afternoon will be led by:

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About the Afternoon

Preachers spend their lives attempting to bring the stories of Jesus Christ into dialogue with the stories of those in their congregations, in order to facilitate an encounter with God. In order to do this we engage with the content and context of scripture and with the content and context of the lives of those who listen to our sermons. Factors such as worldview, education, social background and cultural diversity are all important and feature in most books about preaching. However the insights of psychological research, particularly in relation to personality type preference, have long been neglected. Most of us would recognise that good preaching needs to touch both hearts and minds; to enable people to experience the story through their senses; to make connections with other life experiences; to engage the emotions and to explore doctrine. For each one of us, one of these will be more important than the others. This is because of the preferences we have with regard to the way we take in information and use it - in other words it is about type preference.

As Christmas draws near, this afternoon study session will look at the birth narratives of Matthew and Luke through the lens of psychological type, drawing on the work of Leslie Francis and Peter Atkins, who have developed the SIFT (Sensing, Intuition, Feeling, Thinking) approach to preaching. SIFT provides both a simple framework for sermon preparation and a way of creating a real hermeneutical dialogue between the text, the preacher and the listener. If your preaching on the Nativity stories could use some refreshing, then come along and learn something new about how 'truth is mediated through personality in the midst of personalities'. (George Sweazey).

Programme

2.00 pm

Welcome and introduction

2.10 pm

What has psychology got to do with preaching?

2.45 pm

Receiving the story - through the senses and the intuition

3.15 pm

Group work / reflection on receiving the story

3.45 pm

Tea break

4.00 pm

Responding to the story - with the feelings and the mind

4.30 pm

Group work / reflections on responding to the story

5.00 pm

Putting it all together - a framework for preaching

5.30 pm

Depart - go tell the story

Booking Form

Fee: **£10.00**
(includes tea and cake)

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