

Leading by learning

THE *word* AMONG WORDS:

AN EXPLORATION OF PREACHING
& LECTIONARY RESOURCES for YEAR A.

November 12 & 13
**The Centre for Theology
and Ministry**

An opportunity to reflect theologically on preaching through input from scholars and preachers in the Uniting Church, panel discussion and through participation in workshops and electives.

DAY ONE

Keynote address:

Rev Dr Sean Winter

Gospel, Church, and World:

Persuasion and the Craft of Preaching

DAY TWO

Keynote address:

Rev Dr Sally Douglas

Not lecturing, not entertaining, not seeking to be relevant... What is preaching for in the Uniting Church?

TIMETABLE:

DAY ONE	
09.30am-10.00am	Arrival & registration; coffee & tea available
10.00am-10.15am	Welcome and worship
10.15am-11.45am	Keynote Lecture: Rev Dr Sean Winter
11.45am-12.00pm	MORNING TEA
12.00pm-01.00pm	Panel discussion
01.00pm-02.00pm	LUNCH
02.00pm-03.15pm	Workshops
03.15pm-03.45pm	AFTERNOON TEA
03.45pm-4.45pm	Workshops cont'd

DAY TWO	
09.15am-09.30am	Worship
09.30am-11.00am	Keynote Lecture: Rev Dr Sally Douglas
11.00am-11.30am	MORNING TEA
11.30am-12.30pm	Panel Discussion
12.30pm-01.30pm	LUNCH
01.30pm-03.00pm	Workshops
03.00pm-03.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
03.30pm-04.30pm	Workshops cont'd
4.30pm-4.45pm	Final conversation & evaluation

THE PRESENTERS



SEAN WINTER

Sean is the Director of Education and Formation for Leadership within eLM and the Head of Pilgrim Theological College. He started preaching at the age of 16 in the Baptist churches of North London and entered Theological College at the age of 20 to train for Baptist ministry, a journey that took him to study for a DPhil in New Testament at the University of Oxford.

Sean was the minister of Abbey Baptist Church in Reading in the UK from 1984–1989, and has taught the New Testament and homiletics at Northern Baptist College in Manchester, UK, and at Pilgrim. He has preached in cathedrals, suburban mega churches, village chapels, South African townships, African-American congregations and College chapels.

Sean is a more or less accomplished amateur cook and winemaker and an avid consumer of gritty detective drama and the odd cooking show.

You can find and follow him on Twitter
[@seanfwinter](https://twitter.com/seanfwinter)



SALLY DOUGLAS

Sally Douglas is a Uniting Church Minister with an inner city congregation and she is a New Testament Scholar and theologian. Across these contexts Sally is passionate about exploring the intersection of theology, sacred text and real life. Sally's doctoral research focused on early church understandings of Jesus as the female Divine.

As a Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer within the University of Divinity, her current research spans New Testament and early church texts, with a particular focus on questions of soteriology and discipleship in both ancient and contemporary contexts. Sally is nourished by contemplative prayer practices and loves early Ska and Reggae.

You can find and follow her on Twitter
[@wordstitch](https://twitter.com/wordstitch)

THE WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY



1 Sermon Workshop: (bring a sermon to preach for the group)

This workshop is a laboratory style workshop where, in a supportive peer environment, each participant will be encouraged to reflect on their preaching.

Rev Alistair Macrae, Minister at Wesley Uniting Church and past Moderator and President of the UCA, will facilitate this workshop. (Depending on registration numbers, this workshop may need to run over both afternoons).

2 Straying from the Lectionary: filling the gaps in the Lectionary Cycle

You may have been in ministry for several lectionary cycles, and want to familiarise yourself and your community with the texts the lectionary leaves out, or you may want to divert from the lectionary for a season. This workshop explores the opportunities and benefits of leading your people through a preaching series apart from the lectionary. You will explore the limitations of the lectionary and ways to deepen your use of scripture in preaching. The workshop is led by **Rev Dr Craig Thompson**, who has spent 20 years in parish ministry and whose doctoral work was on the nature of Scripture and doctrine as interpretative frameworks for our experiences in the world and so, indirectly, a study on 'how to preach'.

3 The 20% Unique to Matthew

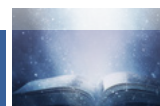
For those who want an over view and refresher on the emphases in the gospel of Matthew in preparation for the coming lectionary year, this workshop is for you. This session will focus on the unique accounts/narratives that cannot be found elsewhere in Mark, Luke (and John). It will be led by **Rev Dr Sunny Chen**, New Testament scholar, Uniting Church Minister and Chaplain at Melbourne University.

4 Michael Donnelly - Art and the gospel of Matthew

This workshop will invite participants to engage with the stories and themes in the gospel of Matthew through the medium of art with **Michael Donnelly**.

Michael is a Melbourne-based artist and teacher. He has held numerous solo exhibitions since 1984, most recently at Chapel on Station Gallery, Box Hill, in 2014. He has taught art in secondary schools, at the RVIB / VA School and is currently a part-time DET Visiting Teacher in Vision Impairment. In 2010 he was Artist-in-Residence, Cataract Gorge, Tasmania. He is a member of the Ashburton Uniting Church.

WEDNESDAY



1 Back to the beginning: Preaching the Genesis primordial myths after Pentecost

Rev Dr Robyn Whitaker will lead a workshop on Genesis which will unpack how we might preach the foundation texts from Genesis. We'll revisit some of the recent scholarship on Genesis as well as explore preaching themes and resources. Robyn will make the case that preaching from these foundation Genesis texts is a wonderful way to help your congregations unpack core theological themes at the heart of faith.

2 Looking at Romans and 1 Corinthians

This elective is for those who would like an overview of the themes in Romans and 1 Corinthians in 2020, including an exploration of recent scholarship on these epistles. It will be led by **Rev Dr Sean Winter**, New Testament scholar and Head of Pilgrim Theological College.

3 Cross cultural experience of preaching

This workshop will focus on the way refugee experiences and stories of migration have served to shape both individuals' reception and preaching of the gospel. This elective will provide opportunity to reflect theologically on others/ or your own story of displacement. It will be led by **Rev Dr Jong Soo Park**, Ph D in practical theology and minister in the Banyule Network, and **Rev Dev Ananadarajan**, Intercultural Leadership Coordinator, who has experience of living in a place of conflict and being a displaced person.

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REGISTRATION

COST:

- \$150 for travellers (80km plus from Melbourne)
- \$195 for Metro Melbourne
- \$30 for Live-streaming the keynote lectures

Or, per day:

- Tuesday | \$100
- Wednesday | \$100

*Registration includes lunch, morning tea
and afternoon tea*

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

(Please indicate your first and second choice for
each day by writing in "1" and "2")

Tuesday:

- ___ Sermon workshop with Alistair Macrae
- ___ Straying from the lectionary with
Craig Thompson
- ___ What's unique to Matthew with Sunny Chen
- ___ Art and Matthew with Michael Donnelly

Wednesday:

- ___ Back to the Beginning: preaching Genesis with
Robyn Whitaker
- ___ Romans and 1 Corinthians with Sean Winter
- Cross cultural experience of Preaching with Jong
Soo Park & Dev Anandarajan

REGISTRATION:

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Or, pay by direct deposit to:

Uniting Church in Australia
BSB: 033 157
Account Number: 34 41 36

Registrations close: 5 November 2019

Or post this registration form with your payment to:

The Word Among Words,
Centre for Theology and Ministry
29 College Crescent, Parkville Victoria 3052

Name: _____

Role/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

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FEE:

metro | \$195 non-metro | \$150

Or per day:

Tuesday Wednesday

Or live-streaming the keynote lectures:

\$30

I require accommodation at Maclean House for the
following nights (additional \$70 per night)

Do you have any dietary restrictions?

Refunds will be given for withdrawal more than two weeks before the event, less \$25 administration fee. Less than two weeks the refund will be 50% of the registration cost. Less than three days before the event, there will be no refund.