

Baptist Union of Great Britain
TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORS AND PREACHERS

Course Descriptors

PREACHING

Aims

The aims of this module are:

- To help participants to explore the relationship between their understanding of preaching and their own personal experience within different church contexts.
- To introduce participants to the various forms of preaching.
- To reflect on the place that preaching has within acts of worship.
- To develop participants' skills and confidence so they can preach more effectively.

Description

This module aims to equip those who preach by enabling them to develop a holistic approach to worship through the study of the particular role of the sermon. It will look at the different ways of using the Bible in preaching, how to construct a sermon, and the skills needed to communicate effectively. Various modes of preaching are explored, the role of the congregation is examined, and attention is given also to the use of various media.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, participants should be able to demonstrate:

- The different ways in which the Bible can be used in preaching, describing the process of interpreting the Bible in its own context and applying its teaching to a contemporary context.
- A knowledge of the purpose of preaching and its relationship to other aspects of local church life.
- The ability to construct a sermon, identifying the different components in the effective preparation and delivery of sermons.
- An ability to apply what has been learned through the practice of preaching.

Assessment

There will be two assignments to be completed. It is expected that one of these will be a written piece of work (1200-1500 words) on a theme central to the area of learning covered in this module. The other will involve preaching within the context of a local church, and reflection upon both the experience and the preparation. The local Association will normally be involved in the assessment of this module.