

“PREACHING and IMAGINATION”

A Study Day for Preachers and Leaders of Worship

led by

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on

Saturday 27 January 2018

at

Whittington Moor Methodist Church

Chesterfield, S41 8NA

09.30-10.00	Arrival & Coffee
10.00-11.00	Dipping our Toes In
11.00-12.00	Exploring the Deeps
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.00	Hallmarks of Imaginative Preaching
14.00-15.00	Setting the Imagination Free
15.00-15.20	Break
15.20-16.00	Sample Sermon & Discussion

Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

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The invitation to Kate Bruce was inspired a review of her recent book, *Igniting the Heart: Preaching and Imagination*:

"It has been said that the day of the sermon is over. Kate Bruce argues that the day of the poorly conceived, ill prepared, dull, disconnected, boring, irrelevant, authoritarian, yawn-inducing, patronizing, pontificating, pointless and badly delivered sermon, is indeed over. Imagination can help to engage the hearer in a sermon which seeks to evoke rather than to inform."

Kate was ordained in 2001, after seven very happy years as a secondary school English teacher in Yorkshire. Following a curacy in Ripon, she worked as Associate Priest at St Oswald's Durham and was Chaplain to Van Mildert and Trevelyan Colleges. Following this she was appointed as Chaplain to St John's College, a post she combined with PhD research as Fellow in Preaching with CODEC which included teaching, preaching and apologetics at Cranmer Hall.



She took up her post as Deputy Warden and Tutor in Homiletics in April 2013. She was awarded her doctoral thesis on imagination and preaching last year, and is currently working to turn this into a book due out summer 2015. Kate is the Fellow in Preaching at CODEC which is a research centre of Durham University, based at St John's College, exploring the interfaces between the Bible, theology, the digital environment and contemporary culture (<https://www.dur.ac.uk/codec/>). As part of this she organizes and teaches on the popular Durham Preaching Conferences which are day conferences designed to inspire, support and enable preachers. Kate is often asked to lead days/weekends on preaching for new and more experienced preachers. Details of the next Durham Preaching Conferences can be found at: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/codec/about/events/preaching-conference/>

In her spare time Kate enjoys skiing, clay pigeon shooting, stand-up comedy – and chocolate.