

Spring workshops on biblical hermeneutics

The St Mary's Centre promotes experience-based learning rooted in the SIFT approach to biblical hermeneutics and liturgical preaching. Recent workshops have been run for the Diocese of Chester and for the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Ontario.

The SIFT approach to biblical hermeneutics and liturgical preaching draws on Jungian psychological type theory to identify the distinctive voices of Sensing, Intuition, Feeling and Thinking in biblical interpretation and preaching. On 2 March, clergy from the Diocese of Chester were invited to explore this method in relation to two sections of Psalm 139. On 5 April, Anglican and Lutheran clergy engaged with the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Ontario, were invited to explore the distinctive Matthean material on Judas and Pilate within the Passion Narrative through this lens. This method helps to enrich the interpretation and application of sacred text.