

Preparing Men for the Christian Ministry

"The work of preaching is the highest and greatest and most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called"

Martyn Lloyd-Jones



Six Students

Please pray for the students. We thank God that two more started the course this year, bringing the total to six students. Please pray that each of them will become "a man of God" (1 Tim. 6:11), as encouraged by Malcolm Watts, the Principal, in the first introductory meeting of the year. By the end of this year, two of the students will have completed their studies. God willing, we will be holding our first graduation service in January 2021.

Preaching, Puritans & the Church

At present the students are studying expository preaching, the history of the Puritans and the doctrine of the Church. Included in the lectures has been an emphasis on experimental preaching and the true reformed position. The 2020 timetable overleaf shows the full extent of themes and doctrines for this year. We have also held practical sessions in sermon preparation and delivery. Placements have been arranged for the students to have experience of working alongside Pastors and the churches they serve.

Second Library

In the Lord's goodness, the personal libraries of some men have been donated for the Seminary library. This has provided a good resource of sound books for the students and one of the rooms at Grove House was allocated as a Library, with shelving installed. More recently, it became clear that there was insufficient space in the Library, so a large storeroom has been adapted as a second library area.

Open Study Day

Our Open Study Day this year will be on Saturday 30th May with Chris Hand of Crich Baptist Church speaking. All are very welcome to join us. The Open Study time will begin at 11.00am and finish by 4.00pm. There will be one session before lunch and one afterwards.

New Ventures

Over recent months the Seminary discussed the need of supporting and planting churches. A special meeting with pastors closely associated with the Seminary was held during December 2019 to discuss the venture. At this meeting, Malcolm Watts gave a message on "Independency and Interdependency". The vision of a new venture was warmly and enthusiastically received by those present and it was agreed to hold further meetings to progress the matter. Those present understood there would be significant challenges in such a venture but believed in the greatness of our God and the importance of the matter.

Timetable 2020

Key:	MW – Th God (1)	e Law of	DH – Doctrine, Life and Worship	RB – 17 th Century Non-conformists	NP – O.T. Intro. Hist. Pol. Social	MW – Welcome DH - Introduction	January 6th	3	
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		Students to take devotions.	RB – 17 th Century Non-conformists	RB – 17 th Century Non-conformists	RB – 17 th Century Non-conformists	MW – The Gospel of God (2)	January 8th	8	Week
			MW – Christian Liberty (2)	NP – O.T. Books Overview (2)	NP – O.T. Books Overview (1)	MW – Christian Liberty (1)	January 9th	ฮ	2
			MW – Worship + Sabbath (2)	DK – Disciplining Members	DK – Pastoral Visitation	MW – Worship + Sabbath (1)	January 10th	Ţ	
	PM – Expository Preaching 3		PM – Expository Preaching 2	PM – Expository Preaching 1	PM – Preaching: Doctrinal	MW – Oaths and Vows	February 7th	₹,	W/e
	MW – Civ Magistra		JT – Time Management	JT – Pentateuch exp. Lev. (2)	JT – Pentateuch esp. Lev. (1)	JT – Experimental Preaching	February 8th		1
	MW – Ma		SG – Refuting Objections re. OT	RB – Great Ejection 2	RB – Great Ejection 1	MW – Marriage and Divorce (1)	March 6th	Ŧ	٤
	MW – Wi Reformin		SG – Hebrew Introduction (1)	GM – Proverbs (intro. + texts)	GM – Grace in the Wilderness (Ex.)	MW – Wise Leadership	March 7th		/e 2
	RB – Grea		RB – Great Ejection 3	PM – Series Preaching	PM – Passage Preaching	PM – Preaching: Controversial	April 3rd	Ŧ	W/e
	JS – Pread Sanctifica		JS – Evangelistic Preaching	CB – Fatherhood of God	CB – Comfort in Trials	MW – The Church (1)	April 4th	Sat	eω
	MW – Th (3)	e Church	SG – Hebrew Introduction (2)	JN – Practical Session	JN – Evangelistic Preaching: Psalms	MW – The Church (2)	May 1st		€
	MW – Sai		RB – 18 th Century Conditions 3	RB – 18 th Century Conditions 2	RB – 18 th Century Conditions 1	DH – Pastors Devotional Life	May 2nd		e 4
	MW – Sa (2)	craments	MW – Sacraments (1)	TY – Motivation & Coping (stress +)	TY – The Book of Ruth	MW – Saints' Communion (2)	May 29th	Ŧ	8
			Open Study Day – Chris Hand	Open Study Day – Chris Hand	JS – Passionate Preaching	JS – Preaching Devotionally	May 30th		e 5
	RB – 18 th Great Aw		RB – 18 th Century Conditions 4	PM – Family Time	PM – Use of Social Media	MW – Sacraments (3)	June 26th	Ŧ	W/e
	JS – Pread from the	_	JS – Preaching on Special Occasions	HR – Isaiah (2)	HR – Isaiah (1)	MW – Church Government (1)	June 27th		e 6
	MW – Ch Discipline		RB – 18 th Century Great Awakening	RB – 18 th Century Great Awakening	RB – 18 th Century Great Awakening	MW – Church Government (2)	July 24th	Ŧ	٤
	JS – Pract session	tical	JS – Preaching from Prophets	NP— Christ in the O.T. (2)	NP – Christ in the O.T. (1)	MW – Church Discipline (2)	July 25th	Sat	/e 7
	Mid	Stu	MW – Death (2)	SG – Apologetics (1)	SG – Apologetics (2)	MW – Death (1)	September 7th	3	
	l-year re dents – I	Students to	MW – Second Coming (1)	RC – David: King of Israel	RC – David: King of Israel	SG – Apologetics (3)	September 8th	ฮ	Full We
	Mid-year reviews for the students – MW & DH	to take de	RB – 19 th Century British Church 3	RB – 19 th Century British Church 2	RB – 19 th Century British Church 1	MW – Second Coming (2)	September 9th	8	l Week
	r the	devotions.	MW – Resurrection (2)	DH – Christian Warfare (1)	SG – Apologetics (4)	MW – Resurrection (1)	September 10th	롸	2
			MW – Psalms	SG – Apologetics (5)	MW – Psalms	DH – Christian Warfare (2)	September 11th	Ŧ	
Week	RB - 20 th Church 1		RB – 19 th Century British Church 4	TY – Counselling: Immorality	TY – Ethics: Addictions	MW – Judgment (1)	October 9th	Ŧ	W/e
ly Skype	SG – Oba	diah (2)	SG – Obadiah (1)	RC – Stewarding Church Finances	RC – Stewarding Personal Finances	MW – Judgment (2)	October 10th	Sat	e 80
Meetin	MW – He	ell (2)	JS – Book study: Malachi	JS – Missions (2)	JS – Missions (1)	MW – Hell (1)	November 6th	Ŧ	٤
eekly Skype Meetings – Hebrew	MW – He	eaven (2)	DK – Marriage and Divorce	DK - Weddings	DK – Church Meetings +	MW – Heaven (1)	November 7th	Sat	/e 9
	RB – 20 th Church 4		RB – 20 th Century Church 3	RB – 20 th Century Church 2	NP – Ladies and Youth Meetings	NP – Esther	December 4th	꾸 .	٤
SG	MW – Eternal Life		MW – (2) New Heaven and Earth	CB – Organisation and Delegation	CB – Coping with	MW – (1) New Heaven and Earth	December 5th	Sat	e 10

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