

WESTCHURCH  
Notes to Sunday morning speakers

Thank you for agreeing to speak at Westchurch.

For your guidance, we have set-out our expectations from the Sunday teaching programme. We would also like to make you aware of the coordination process and technical services available to the speaker.

**Communication and coordination**

The service leader will contact you a few days prior to the service. He/she will:

- ask you for your topic
- ask you if there is a hymn/song you want to include in the service
- ask you if you wish to use our audio-visual facilities
- decide with you the time when the teaching slot will commence

**Timing:**

The Sunday service starts at 10.00am (approximately) at the Avonhead Primary School Hall.

The timing of the teaching slot will be agreed with the service leader

The expected time duration for the talk is 20 minutes with an absolute maximum of 30 minutes.

**Audio-visual**

We have a comprehensive audio visual capability. This will play music or voice recordings, project power-point presentations, play film clips, project songs and Scriptures. With enough warning we can help you prepare your material.

**Presentation style**

We are a very informal church. The speaker is physically on the same level as the audience. We welcome interaction with the audience. We accept controversy and differences of opinion held and presented in a spirit of understanding, tolerance, gentleness and love.

**Objectives and content.**

*Biblically focussed:* Whether the topic is a passage from Scripture or a subject topic we expect you to refer to relevant Scriptures and present a faithful interpretation of them. Preferably, we would like to hear the key passages read aloud to or by the congregation.

*God-focussed:* we expect the teaching to point us to God and to engage our minds and hearts with the mind and heart of God.

*Experience focussed:* we expect the teaching to touch our emotions as well as our minds and to explain how it can be put into practice. Relevant incidents and stories from your own life are welcome. Above all, be yourself, be real and be honest.

*Simple:* you should not assume every-one in the audience to be experienced Christians. Do not expect them to know Bible stories and characters, to understand Christian theology and to be able to grasp complex theological reasoning. Aim to present only one or two simple key points.

*Life-changing:* bring to us a message from God and expect it to be life-changing. Ask:

- How does his expand my vision of God?
- How does this build up the church?
- How does this mould and impact on my everyday life?