

In the beginning: reading Genesis in the 21st century

This WIT seminar offers different perspectives on Genesis, a key book of the Bible, which features in next year's lectionary. It is aimed at preachers (both clerical & lay) and anyone else who wants to explore Genesis.

10.00 am - 3.30 pm. Bring a Bible & your lunch.

PROGRAMME

10.00 am Opening prayer & introductions

10.05 am Session 1: *Vampires in Eden? Towards a 21st century reading of Genesis 1 – 11, 'The Primeval History'* Sarah Beattie

Followed by break into groups: discussion questions on paper 1

11.00 am Coffee break

11.15 am Session 2: *Married with Children: dysfunctional families in Genesis*
Deborah Broome & Barb Lash

Followed by break into groups: discussion questions on paper 2

12.15 pm Lunch (bring your own)

1.00 pm Session 3: *Ties that Bind or Blind? The binding of Isaac in Jewish and Christian thought.* Jenny Chalmers

Followed by break into groups: discussion questions on paper 3

2.00 pm Session 4: *A formless void? Genesis and antitheism*
Lyall Perris & Darryl Ward

Followed by break into groups: discussion questions on paper 4

3.00 pm Final panel session with presenters, wrap-up, feedback sheets

3.30 pm Depart

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Saturday 16 October: St Peter's Church, Ruahine St, Palmerston North
Saturday 30 October: WIT Library, Anglican Centre, Wellington
Saturday 6 November: St Luke's Church, Main Street, Greytown