

## *The School of Theology*

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### **Reaching the Well: The Preacher's Creative Process**

*Dr. Jana Childers*

**VENUE:** Lecture Theatre: Algie, Law Building,  
The University of Auckland.

[9-17 Eden Crescent Auckland]

**DATE/TIME:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 6.00 p.m.

**COST:** Koha (donation).

In her School of Theology Lecture Dr Jana Childers will note that few preachers avoid the dry well. Writer's block, faith struggles and fatigue affect many. Most spend at least the occasional sleepless Saturday night second-guessing themselves, wondering where fresh inspiration is to be found.

This lecture examines the creative process and explores links between human creativity and the work of the Holy Spirit. It points to models of creativity, patterns of practice and skill-building exercises that can be sources of increased creativity in preaching.



The Rev. Dr. Jana Childers is Dean of the Seminary, Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Professor of Homiletics at San Francisco Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she served churches in the East and Mid-West of the US before accepting a teaching position at SFTS in 1985. She is an internationally known preacher and author of several books including *Birthing the Sermon: Women Preachers on the Creative Process* (Chalice Press) which won the Religious Communication Association's 2002 Book of the Year award. Her current research is focused at the intersection of the preacher's use of self, performance and creativity theory. Dr. Childers holds degrees from Wheaton College, Princeton Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union.

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