



Doing the Practical Assessments

It is important that you carry out the first assessment in practice rather than simply writing it down. As ministers in the church you will rarely, if ever, be asked to write something down and hand it in. You may be asked to write a report and send it to the PCC, or be asked to write a magazine article, but neither of these would happen very often. To help you build confidence in ministry therefore, the first assignments for all modules are practical and should be recorded. If recording presents some problems for you, here are a few ways to solve this:

1) **Ask a Friend or Relative to be Present and Record for You**

The simplest way to record your presentation is either on a phone (see the videos provided in the Resources session) or through Skype, Googlemeet or Zoom. If, for some reason, you find you personally are unable to do this, you could ask someone to help you - a friend or relative may have a paid Zoom account (if you are on a Chromebook or any other device that requires a paid account for the record function to be available). You may just feel that you don't want to have to be responsible for doing the recording while you are carrying out the task so asking a friend or relative could also be helpful with that. You are also part of a supportive learning community on the course so one of your fellow students may also be willing and able to give you some help with recording.

2) **Ask Your Vicar / Supervisor to be Present and Record for You**

Most churches now have Zoom accounts and, for trainee Readers in particular, your Incumbent has to be able to see your assignment to comment on it. It may be worth asking them if they would host the meeting and record for you – or allow you to use the church's Zoom account.

3) **Ask the Module Leader or the Director of Studies to be Present and Record for You**

If none of the above are possible then either I or the Module Leader will arrange to be present to host Zoom and record for you. We would probably be marking it at the same time. It would of course be impossible for us to do this for everyone but we could do it for one or two of you if none of the other options work. If you need this option please get in touch with me asap to arrange a suitable date.