What’s Your Calling?

Everyone has a calling
Find yours
IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The good news is, "Yes". God calls each one of us and has given us gifts and skills to serve God and our neighbour.

The words Jesus spoke to the fishermen by the Sea of Galilee, "Follow me", are still being spoken into the hearts of those who are willing to hear.

You might have a burning inner conviction that God has a plan for you, or a nagging feeling that just won't go away.

Often the starting point for exploring a Christian ministry is simply to say to God, like the boy Samuel, "Here I am" (1 Samuel 3.2)

God's calling involves recognising your God given gifts and looking for opportunities to use them.

Through God's grace, you might discover what you are being called into.

COULD IT BE ME?

God calls men and women of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnic groups, each to play their part in building His kingdom.

Some Christians will be called to ordained ministries, for example a vicar running a parish.

Some will serve as Licensed Lay Ministers.

And of course, all Christians are called to be witnesses and disciples in their home, school, workplace and local church.

This is an exciting time to be part of a growing Church, as we in Rochester Diocese, re-imagine what teams and collaborative ministry might look like in the 21st century.

"The body of Christ is made up of many parts and every church needs a rich diversity of gifts and callings to serve God faithfully within its community.

The Rev Canon Pamela Ive
Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations

THERE ARE MANY POSSIBILITIES:

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

PASTORAL CARE

BEREAVEMENT CARE

Pastoral Care

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Prison ministry

ORDINATION

SCHOOL'S WORK

Music ministry

Licensed Lay Ministry

MESSY CHURCH

New monastic communities

FRESH EXPRESSIONS OF CHURCH

Evangelism
Through my work I want to show that just because you have a disability, that does not mean you do not have the right to a proper voice in society. I believe this is my calling. My church family and community groups have really supported me in this.

Joseph Wastell,
Founder, Disability Medway Network

What can I do next?

Pray...
With an open mind and an open heart, ask God how you might become all that He intends you to be and how best you can serve Him.

Reflect on your unique gifts...
What makes you special? What gifts has God given you for growing His kingdom? Are you a good listener, someone with caring skills, keen to share your faith, creative, a natural leader?

Talk to your vicar, your family and friends...
Those who know you well may be able to see how God might be calling you. They might have spotted it a long time ago and have been waiting for you to recognise it yourself.

Come to an It’s Your Calling day...
These are run by our team of Vocations Advisers in different venues throughout the year. You’ll have a chance to meet people on a similar quest and have time and space to reflect on what exciting plans God has in store for you.
In baptism, all Christians are called to be witnesses to the transforming love of God.

The Rt Rev James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester

But I might need some training

Well of course you will! Gifts and talents need developing so, when you are clear what your future calling or ministry might be, we’ll be delighted to help you find the appropriate training.

Who can I contact?

If you would like to discuss this further, speak to a member of the Vocations team at an It’s Your Calling day or contact:

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