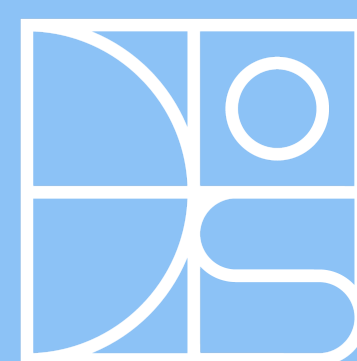


"I have called you by name
you are mine"
Isaiah 43:1

EXPLORING VOCATION



Diocese
of Salisbury
Making
Jesus Known

All are called

What is God asking of
You?

God calls every
baptised Christian
into ministry and
equips them to
work together with
others as the Body
of Christ.

What is Vocation?

God calls each of us by name (Isaiah 43.1), and the heart of responding to our vocation is to be the unique person God calls us to be.

Calling, or vocation, is one of the major themes in the Bible. Scripture is full of inspiring stories of very ordinary people who achieved extraordinary things when answering God's call and putting it into action. Each of us has something particular to contribute to God's plan for his kingdom.

It is the calling of all Christians to represent Christ in and to the world. Our response to God's call involves our reflecting the love of God to others in our own contexts and situations.

A Variety of Ministries

There are many ways in which God might be calling you to serve him. Here are just some...

- Licenced Lay Minister (Reader)
- Lay Pastoral Assistant
- Lay Worship Leader
- Ordained ministry
- Church Army Evangelist
- Youth Worker
- School Governor
- Children's Ministry
- Church Warden, Administration
- Finance
- PCC member
- Pioneer
- A member of a religious Community

Could it be you?

Ministry is a vocation not just a job to be done.

There are four questions you may ask yourself as you begin the journey of discerning how God may be calling you.

- Do you have a sense of inner call?
- Is this call affirmed by others?
- What gifts and skills am I aware of that appear to point in this direction?
- Is there a need for this ministry?

What can I do next?

- Ask God in prayer how you may become all that God intends you to be. What are the gifts and experiences God has given you that could be used for the Kingdom?
- Speak to people who know you well and who you trust. Speak to your parish priest or chaplain and begin to explore your vocation with them.
- Look to see what vocations events are running. These will be advertised in Grapevine and on the Diocesan website.
- Contact the Diocesan Vocations Coordinator to hear about other ways in which we can support you to further explore your Vocation.
- Explore our other leaflets and resources at www.salisbury.anglican.org/missionandministry

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