



Conferences designed to help people explore a variety of vocations in the Church of England.

you and ministry weekends

You and Ministry residential weekends are designed to help people explore a variety of vocations in the Church of England: ordained leadership, Church Army, Reader or pioneer ministry (lay or ordained).

Each weekend provides opportunities for you to discern where God is leading, gather information, hear Bible teaching, ask questions, talk in confidence with impartial advisers and share fellowship with others considering their call: all in a relaxed atmosphere, with good food!

Sessions include information on:

- Understanding vocation and how God guides.
- Ministry in the New Testament and today.
- Selection and training for ordained and other authorised ministries.
- What it's really like to be a minister, or to be married to one.
- Finance and lifestyle in Christian ministry.

Cost: £160 per person, £310 per married couple.

This includes accommodation, meals, materials and sessions. Non-resident participants pay £110 per person. A non-returnable deposit of £30 per person is payable on booking.

You and Ministry weekends 2012

9-11 Mar	Ilkley, West Yorkshire
15-17 Jun	Poole, Dorset
14-26 Sep	Crewe, Cheshire
23-25 Nov	Offchurch, Warwickshire



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Called for a purpose

Designed for people aged 16-25, these relaxed one-day events will help you explore God's call on your life and work out your 'next step'.

We'll explore what the Bible says about how God calls and guides. And you'll meet younger ordained or pioneer leaders who will talk honestly about their own calling, their current work and what life's really like in the job.

lifecall events are held several times a year in different parts of the country.

'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.'

1 Timothy 4:12, *TNIV*

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Visit us at www.cpas.org.uk/lifecall for details of dates, venues, cost and to book your place online.

'Meeting other people who were exploring vocation was a great experience.'

The Rev Tiffer Robinson

Tiffer Robinson, 28, is a curate in a rural benefice with eight churches. He found a *You and Ministry* weekend helpful in providing impartial advice and information. Hearing ministers speak about their experience in different contexts widened his perspective of the opportunities and challenges in ministry today.



'I can't stress enough how helpful and pivotal in my journey *You and Ministry* was and I am so thankful to have been given this opportunity.' Lesley Craddock

Lesley Craddock who attended a CPAS *You and Ministry* weekend recalls 'as a 52 year-old gobby female, I was sure I'd heard God wrongly – or else he was having a laugh! I thought there was no way he could want me to be a vicar.'

'But through *You and Ministry*, and Rosie's insights, both on the weekend and in her book, *Growing Women Leaders*, I saw that God was calling me to be a "priest without walls", doing things differently and using my specific skills and experience to serve him as a pioneer minister.'

Lesley started training at Ridley Hall Theological College in 2010.



is God calling you?

The short answer is 'yes'! As a follower of Christ you are 'called' to live a life of discipleship and service: using the unique talents, gifts, skills and opportunities he has given you to serve him in your community, your workplace and your local church.

As you get more involved in serving Christ day-by-day, you may discover that you grow in your ability to lead and enable others.

A changing church and a changing world make this a challenging but exciting time to consider Christian leadership. The Church needs dynamic leaders with youthfulness and vision. Whether you are 16 or 60, the need for those who are passionate to serve God as ordained or other authorised leaders is as great as ever. Is God calling you?

This leaflet gives you information about events and resources that will help you discover what steps to take next.



CPAS vocations resources

Visit www.cpas.org.uk/exploringcall for our range of resources including:

- Downloadable resource sheets offering advice and information on key issues for those exploring ministry in the Anglican church.
- Your S.H.A.P.E. for ministry – an online tool to help you explore call.
- Resources for church leaders who are helping others to explore call can be found at www.cpas.org.uk/fosteringvocation.



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