

RESOURCES FOR THOSE EXPLORING VOCATION

- [Life Is For Giving: A toolkit for exploring your calling Andy Rider CHP \(978-1-78140-098-2\)](#): a clearly structured workbook, prompting biblical and personal reflection. 'Life is for Giving' will help you hear God's voice speaking through your history, your present reality, your identity and the community you are a part of, uncovering ways in which God is already shaping you, and opening you to hear his voice speaking directly to your heart. In twelve reflections it explores how our past shapes us, how to understand our identity, and how God speaks to us. Each reflection is accompanied by actions to help you explore your vocation to the full.'
- [Grove Leadership booklet 39 Being Ourselves and Denying Ourselves: Losing and Finding Yourself as a Christian Leader](#)
- [Grove Spirituality booklet 105 Vocation: Exploring Call and Identity](#)
- [The SHAPE workbook](#) originally devised by Canon Amiel Osmaston of the Diocese of Carlisle designed to help vocational enquirers discover their gifts and aptitudes. [You can read more here.](#)
- 'Looking for Leaders' from CPAS. CPAS also has a resource called [Talk Calling](#) for 14-18 year olds
- The Church of England has produced a series of videos called [Faith in Action](#)
- Details about an Anglican vocation to religious life can be found here: [Anglican Religious Life Yearbook](#)

A READING LIST FOR THOSE EXPLORING VOCATION

Books with asterisk * are a useful starting point for the topic

Discipleship

Eugene Peterson *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* IVP 2000

Rowan Williams *Being Disciples* SPCK 2016

Vocation

*John Adair, *How to Find your Vocation* (Canterbury Press 2000)

Stuart Buchanan, *On Call* (BRF 2001)

Os Guinness: *The Call* (Nelson 2003)

Francis Dewar: *Called or Collared* (new edition SPCK 2000)

*Jonathan Lawson and Gordon Mursell, *Hearing the call. Stories of young vocation* (SPCK 2014)

Margaret Magdalen, *Vocation. Exploring call and identity* (Grove Booklet S105 2008)

Stephen Platten *Vocation. Singing the Lord's song* (SPCK 2007)

Parker J Palmer, *Let your life speak . Listening for the voice of vocation* (Josey-Bass 2000)

*Charles Richardson: *This is our Calling* (SPCK 2004)

Andy Rider *Life is for Giving: A toolkit for exploring your calling* (CHP 2018)

Steve Walton, *A call to live: vocation for everyone* (SPCK 1994)

Andrew Watson & Magdalen Smith *The Great Vocations Conversations* (CHP 2018)

Jeremy Worthen, *Responding to God's call* (Canterbury Press 2012)

Ministry

- Paul Avis: *A Ministry shaped by Mission* (T &T Clark 2005)
- Andrew Bowden and Michael West: *Dynamic Local Ministry* (Continuum 2000)
- Rosalind Brown: *Being a Deacon Today* (Canterbury Press 2005)
- Wesley Carr: *The Priestlike Task* (SPCK 1985)
- Andrew Clitherow: *Into Your Hands* (SPCK 2001)
- *Christopher Cocksworth and Rosalind Brown: *Being a Priest Today* (Canterbury Press 2002)
- Jim Cotter: *Yes Minister* (Cairns 1992)
- *Steven Croft: *Ministry in Three Dimensions* (DLT 1999)
- Robert C. Dykstra, *Finding Ourselves Lost: Ministry in an Age of Overwhelm* Cascade Books, 2018
- Edington, Mark D.W. Bivocational. *Returning to the Roots of Ministry* Church Publishing 2018
- James M Francis and Leslie J Francis: *Tentmaking: Perspectives on Self-Supporting Ministry* (Gracewing 1998)
- *Richard Giles, *Here I am* (Canterbury Press 2006)
- Paula Gooder, *Reader Ministry explored* (SPCK 2009)
- Robin Greenwood: *Transforming Priesthood* (SPCK 1994)
- David Holye *The Pattern of our Calling: ministry yesterday, today and tomorrow* SCM 2016
- David Ison: *The Vicar's Guide: Life and Ministry in the Parish* (CHP 2005)
- Gordon Kuhrt: *An Introduction to Christian Ministry* (CHP 2000)
- Giles Legood: *Chaplaincy* (Cassell 1999)
- Keith Lamdin and David Tilley *Supporting New Ministries in the Local Church* SPCK 2007
- John Lees *Self-Supporting Ministry: A practical guide* SPCK 2018
- Mary Louden, *Revelations* (Hamish Hamilton, 1994)
- Dave Male, *Pioneering leadership. Disturbing the status quo?* (Grove Leadership Booklet L14, 2013)
- Jessica Martin and Sarah Coakley *For God's Sake. Re-imagining priesthood and prayer in a changing church* Canterbury 2016
- Kenneth Mason *Priesthood and Society* Canterbury 2002
- *Andrew Mayes, *Another Christ. Re-envisioning ministry* (SPCK 2014)
- Christopher Moody, *Eccentric Ministry* (DL T 1992)
- P. Moots, *Becoming Barnabas, the ministry of encouragement* (Alban Institute, 2004)
- Emma Percy *Mothering as a Metaphor for Ministry* Ashgate 2014
- Emma Percy *What Clergy Do: especially when it looks like nothing* SPCK 2014
- M. Percy, *Clergy: The Origin of Species* (Continuum, 2006) John Pritchard, *The life and work of a priest* SPCK 2007)
- Michael Ramsey: *The Christian Priest Today* (SPCK 1972)
- *Alastair Redfern: *Ministry and Priesthood* (DLT 1999)
- Christina Rees (ed): *Voices of this Calling* (Canterbury Press 2002)
- Jonathan Ross-McNairn and Sonia Barron, *Being a Curate. Stories of what its really like* (SPCK 2014)
- Rumsey, Andrew Parish. *An Anglican Theology of Place* SCM 2017
- Michael Sadgrove *Wisdom and Ministry: the call to leadership* SPCK 2008
- *Magdalen Smith, *Steel Angels. The personal qualities of a priest* (SPCK 2014)
- John Witcombe: *The Curate's Guide: From Calling to First Parish* (CHP 2005)
- Alan Bartlett, *A passionate balance: the Anglican tradition* (DLT 2007)
- *Mark Chapman, *Anglicanism: A very short introduction* OUP 2006)
- *Richard Giles: *How to be an Anglican* (Canterbury Press 2003)

Bob Jackson: *Hope for the Church* (CHP 2002)
Martyn Percy *The Future Shapes of Anglicanism* Routledge 2017
*Alastair Redfern: *Being Anglican* (DLT 2000)

Spirituality

Simon Barrington-Ward and Brother Ramon: *Praying the Jesus Prayer Together* (BRF 2001)
*Stephen Cottrell: *Praying Through Life* (CHP 1998)
Jack Dalrymple, *Simple Prayer* (DLT 1984)
Richard Foster: *A Celebration of Discipline* (Hodder and Stoughton 2008)
John-Francis *Friendship Enfolded in Christ: the inner life of a priest* Canterbury 2018
*Gerard Hughes: *God of Surprises* (BRF 1993)
William Johnstone: *Being in Love: The Practice of Christian Prayer* (Fordham University Press 1999)
Martin Laird and Sheelah Treflé Hidden *The Practice of the Presence of God: theology as a way of life* Routledge 2017
Melvyn Matthew: *Both Alike to Thee: The Retrieval of the Mystical Way* (SPCK 2000)
Harold Miller, *Finding a personal rule of life* (grove Spirituality Booklet 8 1984)
Donald Nicholl: *Holiness* (DLT 1981)
Henri Nouwen: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (DL T 1994)
J I Packer: *Knowing God* (Hodder and Stoughton 3rd ed. 2005)
John Wilkins (ed): *How I Pray* (DL T 1993)
Rowan Williams: *The Wound of Knowledge* (DL T 1990)
The booklets in the *Grove Booklet (Spirituality)* series are often good introductions to aspects of spirituality.

Biblical Studies

J Drane, *Introducing the OT* (rev. ed. Lion 2000)
S Moyise, *Introduction to Biblical Studies* (Cassell 1998)
J Barton, *Reading the Old Testament: method in Biblical Studies* (OL T 1996)
L Boadt, *Reading the Old Testament: an introduction* (Paulist Press 1984)
J Rogerson, *Beginning OT Study* (rev. ed. SPCK 1998)
C Rowland, *Christian Origins* (SPCK 1985)
G Stanton, *The Gospels and Jesus* (OUP 1989)
E P Sanders, *Paul* (OUP 1991)

Christian Faith and Theology

Christina Baxter: *Wounds of Christ* (Zondervan, 2005)
Stephen Cottrell: *I Thirst* (Zondervan, 2003)
David Ford: *Theology: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP 1999)
*ed. Colin Gunton, *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Doctrine* (CUP 1997), Part 2
*Anthony and Richard Hanson: *Reasonable Belief* (OUP 1981)
Brian Hebblethwaite: *The Essence of Christianity* (SPCK 1996)
*Alister McGrath: *Theology: The Basics* (Blackwells 2004)
*Michael Perham, *To Tell Afresh* (SPCK 2010)
Keith Ward: *Christianity: A Short Introduction* (SPCK 2000)
Rowan Williams: *On Christian Theology* (Blackwell 1999)
Rowan Williams: *Open to Judgement* (DLT 1994)

Rowan Williams: *Lost Icons* (T & T Clark 2000)

Liturgy and Worship

Winfield Bevins *Ever Ancient Ever New: the allure of liturgy for a new generation* Zondervan 2019

Walter Brueggemann: *Israel's Praise: Doxology Against Idolatry and Ideology* (Fortress Press 1988)

*Christopher Cocksworth: *Holy, Holy, Holy: Worshipping the Trinitarian God* (DL T, 1997)

Paul Bradshaw: *Two Ways of Praying* (SPCK 1995)

*Richard Giles: *Creating Uncommon Worship* (Canterbury Press 2004)

*Richard Giles, *At Heaven's Gate. Reflections on leading worship* (Canterbury Press 2010)

Mission and Evangelism

*Paul Bayes: *Mission-shaped Church - Missionary Values, Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church* (Grove Booklet Evangelism series 67, 2004)

Mike Booker and Mark Ireland: *Evangelism: Which Way Now?* (CHP 2003)

J Andrew Kirk: *What is Mission?* (2002 DL T)

*Mission Theological Advisory Group: *Presence and Prophecy* (CHP 2002)

*Mission and Public Affairs: *Mission-Shaped Church* (CHP 2004)

Ann Morisy: *Journeying Out - A New Approach to Christian Mission* (Morehouse, 2004) John Drane, *The Macdonaldisation of the Church* (DLT, 2000)

Self Knowledge and Pastoral Relationships

Justine Allain-Chapman *Resilient Pastors: the role of adversity in healing and growth* SPCK 2012

Alastair Campbell: *Rediscovering Pastoral Care* (DLT 1986)

Wesley Carr: *Handbook of Pastoral Studies* (SPCK 1997)

*Malcolm Goldsmith and Martin Wharton: *Knowing Me Knowing You* (SPCK 1993) *Michael Jacobs: *Swift to Hear* (SPCK 2000)

*Michael Jacobs: *Still Small Voice* (SPCK 2001)

Henri Nouwen: *The Wounded Healer* (DLT 1994)

Henri Nouwen: *Compassion* (DLT 1982)

Philip Sheldrake: *Befriending Our Desires* (DLT 1997)

Religious Life

Anglican Religious Communities Year Book - current edition (Canterbury Press)

Barbara Fiand: *Refocusing the Vision: Religious Life into the Future* (The Crossroad Publishing Co, 2001)

Basil Hume, O.S.B.: *Searching for God* (Gracewing 2002)

Isabel Losada: *New Habits* (Hodder & Stoughton 1999)

*Mary Loudon: *Unveiled: Nuns Talking* (Ebury/Vintage 1993),

*Timothy Radcliffe: *Sing a New Song: The Christian Vocation* (Dominican Publications 1999) "

Sandra M Schneiders, I.H.M.: *Finding the Treasure* (Paulist Press 2000)

Jean Vanier: *Community and Growth: Our Pilgrimage Together* (DL T 1989)

Diaconate

Rosalind Brown: *Being a Deacon Today* (Canterbury Press 2005)

Stephanie Dietrich ed *Diakonia as Christian Social Practice* Regnum Books 2014

Susanne Watson Epting *Unexpected Consequences: The Diaconate Renewed* Morehouse Publishing 2015

Michael Jackson *The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective* Sacristy Press 2019

Lay Readership

Sally Buck, Graham Dodds & Phillip Tovey: *Instruments of Christ's Love. The Ministry of Readers* (SCM, 2016)

Susan G. Farnham and others: *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community* (Morehouse Publishing, reedition 2011)

Paula Gooder and Cathy Rowling: *Reader Ministry explored* (SPCK, 2009)

Gordon Kuhrt: *An Introduction to Christian Ministry* (CHP, 2000)

Gordon Kuhrt: *Bridging the Gap – Reader Ministry Today* (CHP, 2002)

John Lees: *Self-Supporting Ministry: A Practical Guide* (SPCK, 2018)

Charles Read and Philip Tovey: *Reader Ministry Today* (Grove Booklet W 203, 2010)

Phillip Tovey: *The Liturgical Ministry of a Reader* [geared to the C of E] (Grove Books W230, 2017)

Helen Thorp. *When the Church says 'No'* (Grove Booklet P 98, 2004)

Select List of Novels with Theological Themes

The list below provides some titles of novels, which explore theological themes. The list is far from exhaustive.

Saul Bellow: *Henderson the Rain King*

Georges Bernanos: *The Diary of a Country Priest*

Fyodor Dostoyevsky: *The Brothers Karamazov*

Shasuka Endo: *Silence*

Catherine Fox: *Angels and Men*

William Golding: *Darkness Visible*

Rites of Passage

The Spire

Graham Greene: *The Power and the Glory*

Monsignor Quixote

Burnt Out Case

Hermann Hesse: *Narziss and Goldmund*

Siddhartha

Susan Howatch: *Glittering Images*

P D James: *Death in Holy Orders*

Children of Men

David Lodge: *Therapy*

Sara Maitland: *Brittle Joys*

Brian Moore: *Black Robe*

The Statement

Iris Murdoch: *The Bell*

Barbara Pym: *A Glass of Blessings*

Marylinne Robinson: *Gilead; Home; Lila; Jack*

Sally Vickers: *Miss Garnet's Angel*

Mr Golightly 's Holiday

Morris West:

The Devil 's Advocate
Shoes of the Fisherman
Lazarus
The Clowns of God
Eminence