

Vocations Update

January 2016

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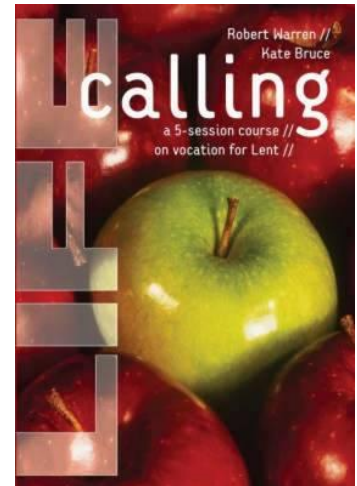
Welcome to the first Vocations Update – we aim to send these out three times a year to update you and publicise opportunities for exploring vocation.

Life Calling - Lent Course 2016

With Easter early this year, Ash Wednesday is on 10th February! So if you are still thinking about a Lent Course, and time is running out, we can recommend 'Life Calling' by Robert Warren and Kate Bruce.

It is a five-session course which aims to help everyone explore their Christian calling. It does not simply focus on authorised ministry, and offers both opportunity and encouragement to think about the many ways God may call us to discipleship and service.

Published by Church House Publishing. £4.50 per copy available from Sarum College Bookshop or your local Christian bookshop. [Click here to buy it online.](#)



Who? Me? Vocation Enquiry Days



Our last Vocation Enquiry Day in December was oversubscribed so we have arranged the next one quite quickly – on Saturday 30th January at St Mary Longfleet Church Centre in Poole.

It is a day for anyone who wonders if God might be calling them to ministry in the Church of England – lay or ordained. We will be looking at how we discern God's call and what ministries are available in our diocese, as well as praying, exploring the Bible and reflecting on what God is saying to each of us.

The event is free – [click here to register online](#) or phone Andrea on 01722 411944 to book a place.

Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest!

Did you know that 'Salisbury Calling' is our social media handle for accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest? Follow/Like us for regular postings to inspire, inform and publicise opportunities in our diocese and beyond.

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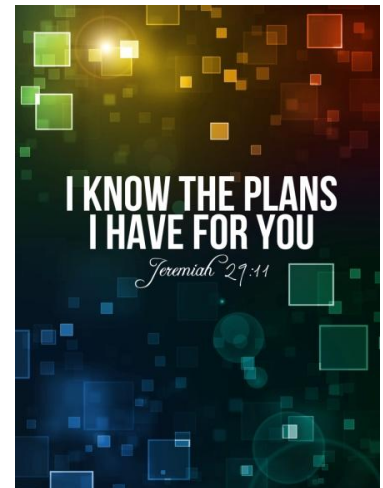
Young Vocations – Ministry Experience Opportunity

Do you know any young people (18-30) who are thinking about ordination?

We are in the process of setting up a 'gap year' project in our diocese which will provide parish placements, accommodation and a small allowance for up to six young people who want to see and experience what ordained ministry is all about.

Our hope is that it will start in September 2016 and will run to the following summer as part of a national project to encourage younger vocations – to see last year's projects, [follow this link](#).

Anyone who would like to find out more can register their interest now by contacting Benny via benny.hazlehurst@salisbury.anglican.org



Vocations Advisors Needed

Our team of Vocations Advisors are an essential part of nurturing and helping discern vocations to authorised ministry across our diocese.

They meet with individuals who are exploring vocations over a number of months to listen to their story and begin to guide them in defining what God might be calling them to.

As vocations grow in the Diocese we need to expand the team and would be happy to hear from Clergy and LLM's who have skills in discernment and could give a couple of hours per month.

At the moment, we particularly need Vocations Advisors in the west of the Diocese – especially in the Deaneries of Sherborne, Dorchester and Milton and Blandford.

Please contact Benny via benny.hazlehurst@salisbury.anglican.org if you would like to offer your services, or suggest someone who would be good!

And Finally...

Vocations Sunday - 17th April 2016

We will be preparing resources for Vocations Sunday in April and would like to know what you would find helpful.

If you have suggestions or requests, please let us know at the Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Team office via ldmt@salisbury.anglican.org or 01722 411944.

To see what is already available nationally, [check out this link](#).



Every Blessing

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