

“Excellent course, Just what I needed.
Very very well run.”

“Helped to give assurance of the direc-
tion God is leading me.”

“A great opportunity to have the space
and leisure to reflect with like-minded
people... and the key people who
could further guide us were very help-
ful and encouraging.”

“Good to be able to speak the unspon-
ken.”

“Enjoyed the opportunity to work in
twos and small groups as well as large
group activities.”

COURSE LEADER

Claire Pedrick PCC is an executive and career coach and founder of 3D Coaching. As well as working with the public, not for profit and corporate sector, Claire has over 20 years experience in working with clergy and lay people exploring their vocation and has contributed to ‘The Curates Guide’.

COST

The course is being provided by the St Albans Diocesan Board for Christian Development. The cost to each participant will be £40, and your parish will be asked by the Board to contribute a further £20.

However, please do not be discouraged from applying if money is a problem. We may be able to help. Simply put a covering letter in with your application explaining your difficulty.

VENUE

The Transept, St Mary’s Church, Redbourn

REGISTRATION

To register please complete and return the attached slip to Mrs J Blaxland, Diocesan Office, Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill by 12th September 2008, along with a paragraph telling us your most important question about the way you are seeking, and your reasons for wanting to do the course.



St Albans Diocese
Board for Christian
Development

SEEKING THE WAY

A course for laypeople seeking to
know better how and where to serve
God and his Church



Maybe you have already talked to someone about the ways in which you serve God. Maybe you have only just started to have a nagging thought about what you might do next.

Seeking the Way is an opportunity to help people like you explore and unravel notions of a desire to serve God in some way.

We hope that through the course you will:

- gain a better understanding of your talents, gifts and skills
- recognise the kinds of environments you need to use these in
- begin to extend your gifts and explore what else might be possible for you
- recognise and value different gifts and callings in others, and work together with them
- recognise the joys, challenges and excitement in a variety of ministries - paid and unpaid
- look at new possibilities for service
- become more aware of your own spiritual needs and the love of God
- begin to explore and understand the models of work and life which energise or drain you
- begin to explore and understand the things which you will need to do in order to move forward in your journey of faith and service.

The Journey

Seeking The Way consists of three Saturdays with plenty of time to think and reflect in between.

You will need to be able to come to every session.

Please bring food to share for lunch. Last year we managed a quiche-free event, but this is not compulsory!

An outline of the programme and some information about the course leader can be found here.

PROGRAMME

Week 1: Where am I now?

A chance to look at what you bring to this point on your journey and to get to know fellow travelers.

Week 2: Surveying the scenery

What opportunities lie on the horizons? How does God normally guide you? With input from the bible, from lay people, from clergy and from those in the workplace.

Week 3: Where next?

Looking at specifics. Where do you go from here?

DATES 2008

Saturday 18th October
Saturday 8th November 2008
Saturday 22nd November 2008

Seeking the Way is a **safe journey**. It is provided by the diocese to offer you a safe place to seek the way forward for you. Nothing is passed back to the diocese unless it comes from you.

Seeking the Way is a **risky journey**. It is the next step for you as you explore the future. Who knows what might happen next!

SEEKING THE WAY

I wish to register for the course starting on Saturday 18th October 2008

Name (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address

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Telephone number..... Email.....

ParishIncumbent/Minister.....

I enclose £40 (cheques should be made payable to the St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance) and a paragraph your most important question about the way you are seeking, and your reasons for wanting to do the course.