

Seeking the Way

2019

A course for anyone seeking to know better how and
where to serve God
- at work or at church



Have you just started to have a nagging thought about what you might do next?



Are you wondering whether it is paid or unpaid work in the church... Or something else?



Have you already talked to someone about it — or are you trying desperately to keep your thoughts to yourself?

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 and in the workplace
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Meet people who are asking the same kinds of questions as you are

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.



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 and it will challenge you. Who knows what might happen next!



Please bring some food to share with the group for lunch. There is a fully equipped kitchen on site.

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 the other people on the course.

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?

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

“Helped to give assurance of the direction God is leading me.”

“I was challenged to think outside my comfort zone”

“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 helpful and encouraging.”

Su Blanch works with 3D Coaching and combines an understanding of HR with her skills in coaching. As well as working in the corporate sector, Su has experience in working with clergy and lay people exploring their vocation and is co-author of 'How to make great appointments in the Church: Calling, Competence and Chemistry'. 3D Coaching has over 20 years' experience of working with people around vocation.

COST

The course is being provided by the St Albans Diocesan Vocations Team. The cost is £70, of which we ask you the participant to pay £45 and your parish the remaining £25. 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

St Augustine's Church Hall, Icknield Way, Limbury, Luton, LU3 2JR.

REGISTRATION

To register please complete and return the slip to Barbara Young via byoung@stalbans.anglican.org or to 41 Holywell Lodge, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1HE by 28 September 2019 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.

COURSE DATES

The course will run on **Saturdays 05 October, 19 October & 09 November**, 10am – 4pm.

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SEEKING THE WAY 2019

I wish to register for the course starting on 05 October 2019.

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

Address.....

Email.....

Telephone number.....

Parish

Incumbent/Minister.....

I enclose a cheque for £45.00 (Payable to 'St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance') /
I have paid £45.00 electronically (Please delete as applicable)
(St Albans Diocesan Board of Finance, Sort Code 20 05 03, Account 20776041
Please add reference: 3010316 SKW and your Surname)

AND

My parish has agreed to support me by paying the remaining £25.

I enclose a paragraph about why I wish to attend the course.

Signature.....