

Seeking the Way - Online

2021

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 attend every session and there will be some preparatory work between sessions.



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!

We've taken this well-established course online for 2021, with three 3 hour sessions which will be highly interactive, challenging and fun

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 subsidised cost is £35, of which we ask you the participant to pay £20 and your parish the remaining £15. However, please do not be discouraged from applying if money is a problem. We may be able to help. Simply email Barbara Young via byoung@stalbans.anglican.org explaining your difficulty.

VENUE

This event will take place via Zoom. Links for the sessions will be sent after registration.

REGISTRATION

To register please visit Eventbrite <https://seekingtheway2021.eventbrite.co.uk> by 30 January 2021. Along with the usual personal details you will be asked for a brief 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 06 and 27 February & 13 March**, 10am – 1pm.