

Additional Resources for Vocations Sunday

To help with reflection the senior clergy have provided scripture verses that have been important to them on their discernment journey.

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks: Micah 6.6-8

Dean Naomi Cooke: Matthew 28.19-20

Archdeacon Peter Shayler-Webb: John 10.10b

Archdeacon Kay Hart: 2 Peter 1.10

The Reverend Canon Sally Miller MSO: John 21.15-19

The Reverend Kevin Booth MSO: Romans 10.14-17

For further reflections and videos on Vocation that you might want to ponder yourself, use in the liturgy, Facebook or share with your parish in another way:

How Did Jesus View His Vocation? by N.T Wright:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChmEevR72Ak>

Vocation 101: What is Vocation?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihnzFH2L818>

Vocation 201: How do I discover my Vocation?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li1kICU31wA>

Could you God, be calling me? Bishop Cameron Venables

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pBUkWSmAFrc>

Anglicans Making a Difference – Vocational Deacons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNy1WzCfQxA>

Lay Ministry Vocation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOT4BDqRNmq>

Helpful Quotes for Reflection:

“Our strongest gifts are usually those we are barely aware of possessing. They are a part of our God-given nature, with us from the moment we drew first breath, and we are no more conscious of having them than we are of breathing.”

— Parker J. Palmer, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*

“For each one of us, there is only one thing necessary: to fulfil our own destiny, according to God's will, to be what God wants us to be.”

— Thomas Merton, *No Man is an Island*

‘True leadership is not about control, but about serving and inspiring others.’ - Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Welby.

“No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Did not Jesus say: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (Jn 13:35)? - Pope Francis – January 16, 2014

“Vocation is different from talent. One can have vocation and not have talent; one can be called and not know how to go.”— Benjamin Moser, *Why This World: A Biography of Clarice Lispector*

‘Many people mistake our work for Vocation. Our Vocation is the love of Jesus.’ - Mother Theresa.

“Our work is a vocation to which we have been called from the beginning of time. When we work we are partaking in and joining with God's ongoing creation of the world.”

— Peggy Noonan, *John Paul the Great: Remembering a Spiritual Father*

“If He is calling you to belong exclusively to Him, it is for your joy and for His glory. In His will is your peace.”

— Mother Clare Matthias, *Discerning Religious Life*

Hymn Recommendation

O God, Our Creator, You Work Every Day.

O God, our creator, you work every day:
a potter, you form us, your people, like.
A shepherd, you guide us and seek out the lost.
A parent, you love us, not counting the cost.

Christ Jesus, how rough were your hard-working hands!
You laboured among us; our God understands!
Bless workers who struggle, their families to feed;
Bless those who face hardship, oppression, or greed.

Lord, some live among us who need constant care,
whose work is to make us more humbly aware.
They teach us the best of your lessons, by far;
It's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!

We're baptised! Your Spirit gives new work to do,
that we, through our serving, may glorify you.
Each person's vocation, each calling, has worth
as you send us out to bring Christ's love earth.

Tune: St. Denio 11.11.11.11. (Immortal, invisible, God Only Wise. OR Foundation)
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Songs of Grace, New Hymn for God and Neighbour