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IS CALLING

'THE GLORY OF GOD IS
A HUMAN BEING FULLY ALIVE'
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DISCOVER WHO GOD IS
CALLING YOU TO BE ...

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Who ... me? Could God really be calling me?

'Only when I am conscious of being called by God to be myself in Christ can I find what specific work he asks of me in passing on that discovery and hope to others.'

Archbishop Rowan Williams

By virtue of our baptism, every Christian is called to ministry, to use all that we are, and do, to be the church – the body of Christ in our parish and neighbourhood and world.

'I have called you by name and you are mine ...' Isaiah 43.1

How does God call?

Directly ... Hearing the still small voice of God, perhaps through being drawn to a passage in the Bible, may result in a deep inner conviction or just a nagging feeling moving you to explore your faith more deeply or to review your life.

Through others ... Listening to a sermon, a line of a prayer or a gentle word from a neighbour or a friend: 'you're so good at that, why don't you ...'

Becoming one's true self in Christ is a call for us all, to be who God has made us to be, and to become all that God intends us to become. What might be God's purpose for your life? How best may you serve God?

'... be doers of the word, and not merely hearers' James 1:22

God calls you ...

... to reveal Christ to the world. By virtue of our baptism all Christians are called to be witnesses to the transforming love of God through worship and service to others.



Each of us has a ministry, and Christian ministry takes many forms ...

- Churchwarden ...
- Lay Pastoral Assistant ...
- Lay Worship Leader ...
- Childrens' or young people's minister ...
- Sidesperson ...
- School Governor
- Licensed Lay Minister ...
- Music minister ...
- Evangelist ...
- Administrator ...
- Priest or Deacon ...

What can I do next?

Ask God in prayer ... to show how you may become all that God intends you to be and how best you may serve him.

Reflect on your gifts ... are you able to engage with people and share your faith? Are you someone with caring skills and a willingness to support others? Or are you creative, or a natural leader?

Talk to your parish priest or chaplain ... who will be able to advise you and put you in touch with a Vocations Adviser.

Attend a Diocesan Vocations Day ... held regularly throughout the year. Details are available from your parish priest or from the Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Team at the address or telephone number overleaf.