

## ***Suggested Reading for those exploring their vocation to ministry***

### ***Getting started***

Please don't feel that you need to buy all of these- your vicar or ministry team may have some they could lend or try ordering from your local library

#### **Vocation**

John Adair *How to Find your Vocation* (Canterbury Press 2000)

#### **Ministry**

Christopher Cocksworth & Rosalind Brown: *Being a Priest Today* (Canterbury Press, 2002)

John Pritchard: *The Life and Work of a Priest* (SPCK, 2007)

#### **Church of England**

Paul Avis: *The Anglican Understanding of the Church* (SPCK, 2013 rev, ed,)

#### **Biblical Studies**

Read through the Bible (books in any order)

David Ford: *Theology: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP 1999)

### ***Moving on***

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#### **Vocation**

John Adair: *How to Find your Vocation* (Canterbury Press 2002)

Gary Badcock: *The Way of Life: Theology of Christian Vocation* (Eerdmans 1998) good balanced theology of ordination growing out of the priesthood of the Christian community

Francis Dewar: *Called or Collared* (new edition SPCK 2000)

Francis Dewar: *Invitations: God's Calling for Everyone* (SPCK 1996)

Edward Hahneneberg: *Awakening Vocation: A Theology of Christian Call* (Liturgical Press 2010) mainly the second half is of interest, using Ignatian discernment as a model of vocational discernment

Margaret Magdalen: *Vocation: exploring call and identity* (Grove, S105, 2008)

Stephen Platten: *Vocation - Singing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land* (SPCK 2007)

Charles Richardson: *This is our Calling* (SPCK 2004)

#### **Ministry**

Justine Allain-Chapman: *Resilient Pastors: The Role of Adversity in Healing and Growth* (SPCK 2012)

Paul Avis: *A Ministry shaped by Mission* (T&T Clark 2005)

Rosalind Brown: *Being a Deacon Today* (Canterbury Press 2005)

Andrew Bowden (editor): *Ordained Local Ministry in the Church of England* (Continuum 2012)

Matthew Caminer: *A Clergy Husband's Survival Guide* (SPCK 2012) for spouses

Steven Croft: *Ministry in Three Dimensions* (DLT, 1999)

James M M Francis and Leslie J Francis: *Tentmaking: Perspectives on Self-Supporting Ministry* (Gracewing 1998)

Richard Giles: *Here I am* (Canterbury Press 2006)

Robin Greenwood: *Transforming Priesthood* (SPCK 1994)

George Guiver: *Priests in a People's Church* (SPCK 2001)

David Ison: *The Vicar's Guide: Life and Ministry in the Parish* (CHP 2005)

Henri Nouwen: *In the Name of Jesus* (DLT 1997)

Gordon Oliver: *Ministry without Madness* (SPCK 2012)

Christina Rees (ed): *Voices of this Calling* (Canterbury Press 2002) on women priests

Miranda Threlfall-Holmes and Giles Legood: *Being a Chaplain* (SPCK 2011)

John Witcome: *The Curate's Guide: From Calling to First Parish* (CHP 2005)

### **Christian Doctrine, Theology and Apologetics**

Stephen Cottrell: *I Thirst* (Zondervan, 2003)

David Ford: *Theology: A Very Short Introduction* (OUP 1999)

Anthony and Richard Hanson: *Reasonable Belief* (OUP 1981)

Brian Hebblethwaite: *The Essence of Christianity* (SPCK 1996)

Mike Higton: *Christian Doctrine* (SCM Core Texts 2008)

Alastair McGrath: *Theology: The Basics* (Blackwells 2004)

Francis Spufford: *Unapologetic* (Faber & Faber 2013)

Dave Tomlinson: *Re-enchanting Christianity* (Canterbury Press, 2008)

Keith Ward: *Christianity: A Short Introduction* (SPCK 2000)

Rowan Williams: *On Christian Theology* (Blackwell 1999)

Rowan Williams: *Open to Judgement* (DLT 1994)

Rowan Williams: *Lost Icons* (T &T Clark 2000)

### **Biblical studies**

J Drane: *Introducing the OT* (rev. ed. Lion 2011)

J Drane: *Introducing the NT* (rev. ed. Lion 2010)

S Moyise: *Introduction to Biblical Studies* (Cassell 2013 rev. ed.)

J Barton: *Reading the Old Testament: method in Biblical Studies* (DLT 1996)

L Boadt: *Reading the Old Testament: an introduction* (Paulist Press 1984)

J Rogerson: *Beginning OT Study* (rev. ed. SPCK 1998)

C Rowland: *Christian Origins* (SPCK 1985)

G Stanton: *The Gospels and Jesus* (OUP 1989)

Anything on the bible by Bishop Tom Wright/ N.T. Wright (same author)

## **Prayer and Spirituality**

*Common Worship Lectionary* (CHP)

*Common Worship Daily Prayer*

*Reflections for Daily Prayer* (CHP)

There are Apps with Morning Evening and Night Prayer renewed every day including Psalms and Readings available for iPhones, iPads, Android phones etc.

Cynthia Bourgeault: *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening* (Cowley 2004)

Richard Foster: *A Celebration of Discipline* (Hodder & Stoughton 2008)

Gerard Hughes: *God of Surprises* (BRF 1993)

William Johnstone: *Being in Love: The Practice of Christian Prayer* (Fordham UP 1999)

Melvyn Matthew: *Both Alike to Thee: The Retrieval of the Mystical Way* (SPCK 2000)

Michael Mitton: *Restoring the Woven Cord: Strands of Celtic Christianity for the Church Today* (BRF 2010)

Donald Nicholl: *Holiness* (DLT 1981)

Henri Nouwen: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (DLT 1994)

J I Packer: *Knowing God* (Hodder 2005)

John Wilkins (Ed): *How I Pray* (DLT 1993)

Rowan Williams: *Silence and Honey Cakes: The Wisdom of the Desert* (Lion 2011)

Rowan Williams: *The Wound of Knowledge* (DLT 1990)

The booklets in the Grove Booklet series are often good introductions to aspects of spirituality.

## **Self Knowledge and Pastoral Relationships**

Alastair Campbell: *Rediscovering Pastoral Care* (DLT 1986)

Wesley Carr: *Handbook of Pastoral Studies* (SPCK 1997)

Malcolm Goldsmith and Martin Wharton: *Knowing Me Knowing You* (SPCK 1993)

Daniel Goleman: *Emotional Intelligence: Why it Can Matter More Than IQ* (Bloomsbury 1996)

Vanessa Herrick & Ivan Mann: *Jesus Wept – reflections on vulnerability in leadership* (DLT 1998)

Michael Jacobs: *Swift to Hear* (SPCK 2000)

Michael Jacobs: *Still Small Voice* (SPCK 2001)

Henri Nouwen: *The Wounded Healer* (DLT 1994)

Henri Nouwen: *Compassion* (DLT 1982)

Philip Sheldrake: *Befriending Our Desires* (DLT 1997)

## **Leadership**

John Adair: *The Leadership of Jesus and its Legacy Today* (Canterbury 2001)

Sheila Murray Bethel: *A new breed of leader, 8 leadership qualities that matter most in the real world* (Berkley Penguin 2009)

Chris Edmondson: *Fit to Lead – Sustaining Effective Ministry in a Changing World* (DLT 2002)

Eddie Gibbs, Alan Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk: *The Missional Leader, equipping your church to reach a changing world* (John Wiley 2006)

Bill Hybels: *Courageous Leadership* (Zondervan 2012)

Keith Lamdin: *Finding your leadership style* (SPCK 2012)

Eugene Peterson *The Contemplative Pastor* (Eermans 1993)

Michael Sadgrove: *Wisdom & Ministry: The Call to Leadership* (SPCK 2008)

Richard J. Mouw, Eugene H. P Jr. & Walter C. Wright: *Relational Leadership: A Biblical Model for Influence and Service* (IVP 2009)

Henri Nouwen *In the Name of Jesus, Reflections of Christian Leadership* DLT 1989

## **Ethics and Human Sexuality**

Samuel Wells: *God's Companions: Reimagining Christian Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell 2006)

Samuel Wells and Ben Quash: *Introducing Christian Ethics* (Wiley-Blackwell 2010)

Church of England House of Bishops: *Issues in Human Sexuality: A Statement by the House of Bishops* (CHP 1994) a must-read for potential ordinands summary available [here](#).

Rachel Hagger-Holt & Sarah Hagger-Holt: *Living it Out - A Survival Guide for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Christians and Their Friends, Families and Churches* (Canterbury 2009)

## **Anglicanism**

Samuel Wells: *What Anglicans Believe: An Introduction* (Canterbury Press 2011)

Stephen Spencer: *Anglicanism* (SCM 2010)

*A Guide to the Church of England* by Martin Davie (Continuum 2008)

Paul Avis: *The Anglican Understanding of the Church* (SPCK 2000)

Paul Avis: *The Identity of Anglicanism: Essentials of Anglican Ecclesiology* (T&T Clark 2008)

Mark Chapman: *Anglican Theology* (T&T Clark 2012)

Martin Davie: *A Guide to the Church of England* (Continuum 2008)

Monica Furlong: *C of E: The State it's In* (SPCK 2006 rev. ed.)

Richard Giles: *How to be an Anglican* (Canterbury Press 2003)

Bob Jackson: *Hope for the Church* (CHP 2002)

Michael Nazir-Ali & David Hope: *Shapes of the Church to Come* (Kingsway 2001)

Alastair Redfern: *Being Anglican* (DLT 2000)

### **Worship, Liturgy & Sacrament**

Paul Bradshaw: *Two Ways of Praying* (SPCK 1995)

Stephen Burns *Liturgy* (SCM 2012)

Simon Chan: *Liturgical Theology* (Inter Varsity Press 2006)

Mark Earley *Beyond Common Worship* (SCM 2013)

John Macquarrie: *A Guide to the Sacraments* (SCM 2010)

Ross Thompson; *The Sacraments* (SCM 2006)

### **Mission (including Fresh Expressions and Pioneer Ministry)**

Paul Bayes: *Mission-shaped Church - Missionary Values, Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church* (Grove Booklet Ev 67, 2004)

Alan Billings: *Lost Church* (SPCK 2013)

Mike Booker and Mark Ireland: *Evangelism: Which Way Now?* (CHP 2003)

Doug Gay: *Remixing the Church* (SCM Press 2011)

Robin Greenwood: *Transforming Church* (SPCK 2002)

David Goodhew, Andrew Roberts & Michael Volland *Fresh!: An Introduction to Fresh Expressions of Church and Pioneer Ministry* (SCM 2012)

David Ison: *The Vicar's Guide: Life and Ministry in the Parish* (CHP 2005)

J Andrew Kirk: *What is Mission* (2002 DLT)

Ian Mobsby and Graham Cray (ed.) *Fresh Expressions and the Kingdom of God: Ancient faith, Future Mission* (Canterbury Press 2012)

Ann Morisy: *Journeying Out – A New Approach to Christian Mission* (Continuum 2006)

Michael Moynagh: *Changing World, Changing Church* (Monarch 2001)

Michael Moynagh: *Emergingchurch.intro* (Monarch 2004)

Alan Smith: *God-Shaped Mission: Theological and Practical Perspectives from the Rural Church* (Canterbury 2008)

Dave Tomlinson: *How to be a Bad Christian* (Hodder & Stoughton 2013)

Dave Tomlinson: *Re-enchanting Christianity* (Canterbury Press 2008)

Pete Ward: *Liquid Church* (Paternoster 2002)

Pete Ward (ed): *Mass Culture – Eucharist and Mission in a Post-modern World* (BRF 1999)

Rowan Williams, Fr Damian Feeney SSC, George Lings & Chris Neal: *Mission-Shaped Church* (CHP 2004) a must read

Also - out of print but available on Kindle

Vincent Donovan: *Christianity Rediscovered* (SCM Classics 2001)

Michael Frost: *Exiles: Living Missionally in a Post-Christian Culture* (Hendrickson 2006)

Alison Milbank and Andrew Davison: *For the Parish: A Critique of Fresh Expressions* (SCM 2011)

## **Religious Life**

*Anglican Religious Communities Year Book* – current edition (Canterbury Press)

Barbara Fiand: *Refocusing the Vision: Religious Life into the Future* (Crossroad 2001)

Basil Hume, O.S.B.: *Searching for God* (Gracewing 2002)

Isabel Losada: *New Habits: Today's women who become nuns* (Hodder & Stoughton 1999)

Timothy Radcliffe, OP: *Sing a New Song: The Christian Vocation* (Dominican Publications 1999)

Sandra M Schneiders, I.H.M.: *Finding the Treasure* (Paulist Press 2000)

Jean Vanier: *Community and Growth: Our Pilgrimage Together* (DLT 1989)