

Cost?

The fee for *Called to Serve* will be only **£150** for the full year (or £50 paid termly). This will cover all the course materials and teaching. If you also wish to gain the University "Certificate in Christian Calling and Service", then an additional payment will be required – information on request!

What are people saying about *Called to Serve*?

The current year (2014-15) is the ninth time the course has been offered: 28 people are doing it and they are very enthusiastic!

Here are some comments:

A great course – I look forward to every session & feel energized by it.

I've discovered so much about myself, my gifts, & what God is calling me to do and be.

My faith in Christ now makes more sense to me – more relevant, much more precious.

I've learnt that nobody is too young or old to be helpful to God. Best experience of my life!

I can talk about God more freely & openly now, and prayer is more meaningful to me.

The support & friendship in the discussion groups is tremendous.

It has unlocked a vast & fascinating treasure trove of knowledge for me.

Excellent leadership and course materials: it's participative, thought-provoking and enlightening.

Now I view the Bible through new eyes and I keep relating it to present-day situations.

This course is the "blue touch paper" to fire us up & send us out. I for one will never be the same.

Places on the course are limited,
so apply soon!

The 2015 -'16 course starts on

Saturday 26th September 2015

There will be a Taster evening
in June 2015 at each of the 3 venues:
Workington: Wednesday 17th June, 7.30pm
Carlisle: Monday 22nd June, 7.30pm
Kendal: Thursday 25th June, 7.30pm

If you are interested:

please ask to be sent the more detailed
Course Programme, Dates Sheet
and an application form.

Do you live near the Lancashire border?

Called to Serve will also be run
in Lancashire.

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Called To Serve Introductory leaflet

Do you feel *Called to Serve* God in your everyday life and in your church?



Join the '*Called to Serve*' course:
created for Christians in Cumbria

The sessions are spread over a year,
from **September 2015 – July 2016**

You can do the course in

Carlisle, Kendal & Workington

What is *Called to Serve*?

Called to Serve is designed for Christians who want to grow and to serve God more fully.

It will include:

- Making our faith more relevant to everyday life, applying it to our decisions and actions;
- Discovering what God might be calling each of us to do and be;
- Exploring our gifts and equipping us to serve God more confidently in daily life and in church;
- Looking at what God wants his Kingdom and Church to be like... and how our mission and ministry in the 21st century should be shaped by that;
- Developing shared ministry and leadership in the church and community.

Who is it for?

The *Called to Serve* course is for anyone who:

- is a committed and active member of their local church;
- is seeking to serve God more fully;
- has a good grasp of the Christian faith and has already done some Christian learning (eg, a discipleship course or being a member of a regular home study group)

The main emphasis will be on "serving God in our daily life and work", but the course will also act as a means of clarifying vocation for people who are exploring some kind of authorised ministry, for example becoming Readers, Local Preachers or Clergy, or who are training as commissioned Local Lay Ministers.

It is a Foundation Course for all kinds of Christian ministry and service.

The course is open to Christians of any denomination and is a shared Anglican and Methodist initiative.

When ?

Each term the course will involve one Saturday day-conference (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) and five evenings (7.30 - 9.30 pm, usually fortnightly).

There will be 3 terms - the sessions avoid school half-terms and holidays – from 26th September 2015 to 2nd July 2016. So 18 meetings all together.

Where ?

For the 3 Saturday day conferences we will all meet together at one central venue in Penrith.

To reduce travelling we will run the 15 evening sessions in three centres across Cumbria. In 2015-16 you can choose between:

Carlisle on Mondays
Workington on Wednesdays
Kendal on Thursdays

It is very important to attend the whole course, as the sessions build on each other, and we will grow through the close relationships established in the group.

What ?

Called to Serve will be relaxed, friendly, enjoyable, exciting and practical!

Each session will include:

- A stimulating talk;
- some discussion and personal sharing in regular small groups;
- some practical exercises or activities;
- fellowship, worship and prayer.

In between each of the sessions, you will be asked to do about an hour of "linkwork"

Certificate in Christian Calling and Service

The Certificate is designed to be an optional extra that can be done alongside the '*Called to Serve*' course sessions, for anyone who wishes to learn at even greater depth.

It is not a required part of the course.

If you would like to gain the Certificate, it would involve doing some reading and written work at the academic level of the first year of a degree course.

The Certificate is validated by the University of Cumbria