

# “Called to Serve” Course Programme 2015-16

**Venues:** The three **Saturday day-conferences**, one per term, **all three** will be held at the Penrith Methodist Church, **Penrith**. On September 26<sup>th</sup> & February 27<sup>th</sup> the timing will be 10.00am to 4.00pm. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 it will be 10.00am-5.00pm. These days are for everyone.

There will be **3 separate venues for the evening sessions** (5 per term, usually fortnightly), running from 7.30-9.30pm.

Participants can choose to attend at **either**:

**Carlisle on Mondays** at Fusehill Street Site, University of Cumbria, Carlisle. CA1 2HH

**Workington on Wednesdays** at Energus Building, Lillyhall, Workington. CA14 4JW

**Kendal on Thursdays** at Queen Katherine School, Appleby Road, Kendal. LA9 6JP

*(The dates in the left-hand column below, are for the 3 venues, in the above order).*

## Autumn Term 2015: Module 1 - “Church, Faith and Action”

September Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Session 1:</u></b>	<b>Introduction and Practicalities</b> This launches our first day-conference and gives an overview of the whole course.
September Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Session 2:</u></b>	<b>Making Connections</b> Making connections between: faith and life, Bible and theology, past experience and future learning, Church and Kingdom.
October 5/7/8	<b><u>Session 3:</u></b>	<b>Being Church</b> Ways in which different understandings of ‘being Church’ affect our mission, worship and community life.
October 12/21/22	<b><u>Session 4:</u></b>	<b>Your Kingdom Come</b> Jesus’ teaching about God’s Kingdom and its implications for the Church’s service and mission in the world
November 2/4/5	<b><u>Session 5:</u></b>	<b>Living our Theology</b> Clarifying ways in which we integrate what we believe with what we do.
November 16/18/19	<b><u>Session 6:</u></b>	<b>Putting Theory into Practice: a case study</b> Working together to reflect on a situation, integrating belief and action.
November 30 December 2/3	<b><u>Session 7:</u></b>	<b>More Theory in Practice: a case study</b> Applying methods of theological reflection to an ethical case study.

## Spring Term 2016: Module 2 - “Gifts and Calling”

January 11/13/14	<b><u>Session 8:</u></b>	<b>Ministry and Service</b> An analysis of different models and motives for ministry and their implications for the life of the church.
January 25/27/28	<b><u>Session 9:</u></b>	<b>My gifting for Service</b> The discernment, use, control and development of gifts in building the Body of Christ for service.

February 8/10/11	<b><u>Session 10:</u></b>	<b>.God's Calling and Guidance</b> Different kinds of ministry and various ways God calls us to serve Him.
Saturday February 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Session 11:</u></b>	<b>Serving God in daily life</b> Seeing our everyday lives and actions as "in His Service".
Saturday February 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Session 12:</u></b>	<b>My job as God's work</b> Glorifying and serving God in the workplace.
March 7/9/10	<b><u>Session 13:</u></b>	<b>Joys and problems of ministry</b> An honest look at experience of ministry in Scripture and in the church today.
March 14/16/17	<b><u>Session 14:</u></b>	<b>Relationships in Ministry</b> Why team-work and shared ministry are so important and how they can best be developed.

## **Summer Term 2016: Module 3 - "Christian Service and Mission"**

April 25/27/28	<b><u>Session 15:</u></b>	<b>Reaching our culture in England today</b> Analysing some key aspects of contemporary Western society and exploring ways in which the Christian church can engage more effectively.
May 9/11/12	<b><u>Session 16:</u></b>	<b>God's church in England</b> A realistic look at our current situation, challenges and opportunities.
May 23/25/26	<b><u>Session 17:</u></b>	<b>Called to witness</b> Developing fruitful mission and evangelism in the wider community.
June 6/8/9	<b><u>Session 18:</u></b>	<b>Defenders of Faith</b> Responding to people's objections and difficulties with the Christian faith.
June 20/22/23	<b><u>Session 19:</u></b>	<b>Building dynamic Vision</b> The importance of establishing a shared vision for the church and ways of enabling this to happen.
Saturday July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><u>Session 20:</u></b>	<b>Mission-shaped churches</b> How can the life and structures of the church be shaped to enable mission?
Saturday July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><u>Session 21:</u></b>	<b>Communion, commitment and farewell Note: 10.00am-5.00pm</b> The end of the beginning, with a shared meal. <i>Visiting speaker: James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle.</i>

**All course members will be allocated to small groups and each session will include some group work. Participants will also be expected to do about an hour of reading, reflection or practical activity as "linkwork" between each session.**