

## WHAT ARE PEOPLE SAYING?

*"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."*

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

## COURSE PLACES ARE LIMITED SO APPLY SOON!

*The 2017 -18 course starts on Saturday 9th September 2017.*

*There will be a Taster evening on 6th July 2017 In Penrith Methodist Church at 7pm. All welcome.*



## GOD FOR ALL PRAYER

*God for all, you reached out to the world in your Son Jesus Christ.*

*Help us to reach out in faith and love and witness to all.*

*God for all, you send your Holy Spirit to empower and gift your Church.*

*By your Spirit help us grow in unity,*

*grow as followers of Jesus Christ,*

*and grow your kingdom in Cumbria*

*and in this world. Amen.*

If you are interested:  
please ask to be sent the more detailed course programme, dates sheet and an application form

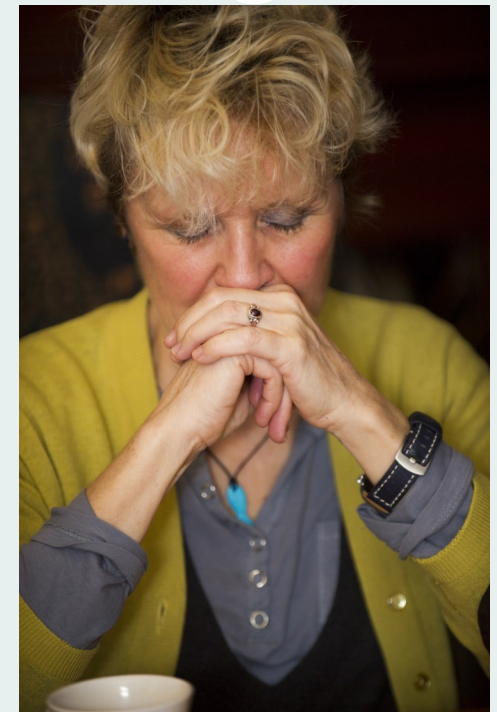
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**Called to Serve**  
God in your  
everyday life and in  
your church?

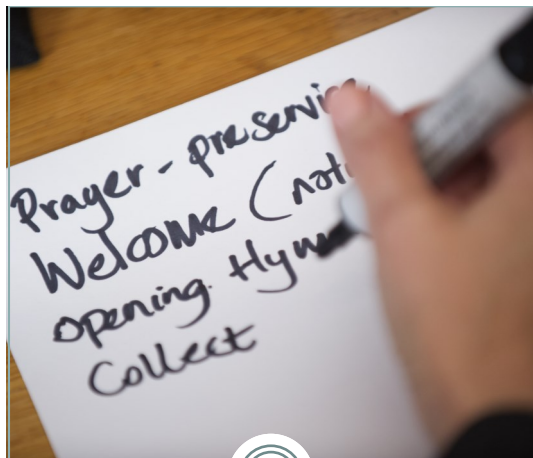


## Called to Serve

*A course created for Christians in Cumbria*

*September 2017 to July 2018*

*Penrith, Kendal & Cocker-mouth*



## CALLED TO SERVE

Called to Serve is designed for Christians who want to grow and discover more of God and God's purposes for them in their faith communities and in the wider world. It's all about...

- Discovering and reflecting on what Scripture tells us about God's Kingdom, God's Church and God's Mission
- Exploring how our faith connects with our everyday lives.
- Discovering our gifts and skills
- Discerning what God might be calling us to be and do.

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

## WHAT IS IT?

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 "link work".

*"The support & friendship in the discussion groups is tremendous."*

## WHO IS IT FOR?

The Called to Serve course is for those:

- committed and active members of their local church;
- seeking to serve God more fully;
- with a good grasp of the Christian faith and who have already done some Christian learning.

*"This course is the 'blue touch paper to fire us up & send us out.'"*

The main emphasis will be on "serving God in our daily life and work", but the course can be a helpful part of the journey for those who are exploring some kind of authorised ministry, for example becoming Readers, Local Preachers or Ordained Ministry, or who are training as commissioned Local Lay Ministers. It is a Foundation Course for all kinds of Christian ministry and service and is open to Christians of any denomination.

## WHEN IS IT HELD?

Each term the course will involve one Saturday day-conference (10am to 4pm) and five evenings (7pm to 9pm, usually fortnightly).

There will be three terms - the sessions avoid school half-terms and holidays – from 9th September 2017 to 14th July 2018. So 18 meetings all together.

## WHERE IS IT HELD?

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 2017-18 you can choose between:

- Penrith on Tuesdays
- Cockermouth on Wednesdays
- Kendal on Thursdays

## WHAT DOES IT 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.

