

All are Called

A Vocations Resource from St Albans Diocese

Part 1 — Using Your Gifts



Introduction

Each one of us is called by God to be a follower of Jesus Christ. However, we also have callings to specific roles and tasks. Some of us may be called to play a part in our family or to work in a certain profession. Others may be called to serve as a school governor or on a church committee. The aim of these short studies is to help you think about how God may be calling you.

We begin by thinking about the gifts and skills that God has given us – and our weaknesses, too. These are often a helpful clue as to God’s calling on our lives.



Activity

Find pictures of different kinds of building. These might include a luxury hotel, a medieval castle, a supermarket and a railway station. Although they are all completely different, each one is right for its purpose. A supermarket would make a terrible hotel! In the same way, God has made each one of us just right. None of us is God’s “mistake”! So, begin to think about how God has made you.



Bible Study

Read Psalm 139.15-17

When you read about being “woven together” by God, how do you feel? What do you think the author of this psalm meant by these words? What else is God saying to you through these words?

Read Ephesians 4.11-13

Which of these roles do you feel most attracted to? Why? If the author was writing these words today, what other roles might be included? How does each person build up the body of Christ? How do you build up the body?



Video

Watch the video that accompanies this study.

What struck you from the video? Why? How were these people using their gifts? What gifts and skills has God give you? How are you using those gifts and skills in the service of God and the Church?



Next Steps

Spend time thanking God for the gifts and skills that he has given you.

Write down one thing you are going to do as a result of this study.
