

Canterbury Diocese
Discernment Cohort Programme – Month Three
What is a Priest? – Widening our Interpretation

The Task

During this session, each group member will give a short review of a book on the reading list (or other appropriate book agreed with your group convener). The group will then have a general discussion about the ideas presented from the books.

Preparation

Read at least one book from the list below and write a short book review (500 words) explaining its main argument and anything you found particularly helpful as you think about your own vocation. To avoid repetition, you will be asked to say which book you will review at the previous meeting. Many of these books are available to borrow from the DDO Office. Please get in touch and, if we have it on the shelf, we'll post it out to you.

Resources

Roger T. Beckwith, *Elders In Every City: The Origin and Role of the Ordained Ministry* (London: Paternoster Press, 2003).

Alan Billings, *Making God Possible: The Task of Ordained Ministry Present and Future* (London: SPCK, 2010).

Rosalind Brown, *Being a Deacon Today: Exploring a Distinctive Ministry in the Church and in the World* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2005).

Stuart Buchanan, *Called By God: A Handbook for Those Testing Christian Vocation* (London: SPCK, 2008).

Ben Campbell Johnson, *Hearing God's Call: Ways of Discernment for Laity and Clergy* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans, 2002).

Andrew Clitherow, *Renewing Faith in Ordained Ministry: New Hope for Those in Ordained Ministry and for Anyone Seeking a Renewed Understanding of this Ministry Today* (London: SPCK, 2004).

Christopher Cocksworth and Rosalind Brown, *Being a Priest Today: Exploring Priestly Identity* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2006).

Stephen Cottrell, *On Priesthood: Servants, Shepherds, Messengers, Sentinels & Messengers* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 2020).

Steven J. L. Croft, *Ministry in Three Dimensions: Ordination and Leadership in the Local Church*. New ed. edn (London: Darton Longman & Todd, 2008).

Robin Greenwood, *Transforming Priesthood: A New Theology of Mission and Ministry* (London: SPCK, 1994).

Malcolm Grundy, *What They Don't Teach You At Theological College: A Practical Guide To Life In The Ministry* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2003).

- George Guiver, *Priests in a People's Church* (London: SPCK, 2001).
- David Hoyle, *The Pattern of Our Calling: Ministry Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* (London: SCM Press, 2016).
- Gordon W. Kuhrt, *An Introduction To Christian Ministry: Following Your Vocation in The Church of England* (London: Church House, 2000).
- John Lees, *Self-supporting Ministry: A Practical Guide* (London, SPCK, 2018).**
- Justin Lewis-Anthony, *If You Meet George Herbert On The Road... Kill Him!: Radically Rethinking Priestly Ministry* (London: Mowbray, 2009).
- Arthur Middleton, *Towards a Renewed Priesthood* (Leominster: Gracewing, 1995).
- Jules Middleton, *Breaking the Mould: Learning to Thrive as a Ministry Mum* (London: SPCK, 2020).
- Katy Magdalene Price, *I Think It's God Calling: A Vocation Diary* (Abingdon: The Bible Reading Fellowship, 2015).
- John Pritchard, *The Life and Work of a Priest* (London: SPCK, 2007).
- Michael Ramsey, *The Christian Priest Today* (London: SPCK, 2009).
- Magdelene Smith, *Steel Angels: The Personal Qualities of a Priest* (London: SPCK, 2014).**
- Graham Tomlin, *The Widening Circle: Priesthood as God's Way of Blessing the World* (London: SPCK, 2014).**
- Thomas F. Torrance, *Royal Priesthood: A Theology of Ordained Ministry*. 2nd ed. edn (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1993).
- Miranda Threlfall-Holmes and Mark Newitt (Eds), *Being a Chaplain* (London: SPCK, 2011).**
- Samuel Wells and Sarah Coakley, *Praying for England: Priestly Presence in Contemporary Culture* (London: Continuum, 2008).
- William H. Willimon, *Calling & Character: Virtues of the Ordained Life* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2000).

Books marked in bold are good places to start as you begin to explore a call to ordained ministry.