**A READING LIST FOR THOSE EXPLORING VOCATION**

***Books with asterisk \* are a useful starting point for the topic***

***Discipleship***

Eugene Peterson *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* IVP 2000

Rowan Williams *Being Disciples* SPCK 2016

***Vocation***\*John Adair, *How to Find your Vocation* (Canterbury Press 2000)

Stuart Buchanan, *On Call* (BRF 2001)

Os Guiness: *The Call* (Nelson 2003))

Francis Dewar: *Called or Collared* (new edition SPCK 2000)

\*Jonathan Lawson and Gordon Mursell, *Hearing the call. Stories of young vocation* (SPCK 2014)

Margaret Magdelen, *Vocation. Exploring call and identity* (Grove Booklet S105 2008)  
Stephen Platten *Vocation. Singing the Lord’s song* (SPCK 2007)

Parker J Palmer, *Let your life speak* . *Listening for the voice of vocation* (Josey-Bass 2000)

\*Charles Richardson: *This is our Calling* (SPCK 2004)

Andy Rider *Life is for Giving: A toolkit for exploring your calling (CHP 2018)*

Steve Walton, *A call to live: vocation for everyone* (SPCK 1994)

Andrew Watson & Magdalen Smith *The Great Vocations Conversations (CHP 2018)*

Jeremy Worthen, *Responding to God’s call* (Canterbury Press 2012)

***Ministry***

Paul Avis: *A Ministry shaped by Mission* (T &T Clark 2005)

Andrew Bowden and Michael West: *Dynamic Local Ministry* (Continuum 2000)

Rosalind Brown: *Being a Deacon Today* (Canterbury Press 2005)

Wesley Carr: *The Priestlike Task* (SPCK 1985)

Andrew Clitherow: *Into Your Hands* (SPCK 2001)

\*Christopher Cocksworth and Rosalind Brown: *Being a Priest Today* (Canterbury Press 2002)

Jim Cotter: *Yes Minister* (Cairns 1992)

\*Steven Croft: *Ministry in Three Dimensions* (DLT 1999)

Robert C. Dykstra, *Finding Ourselves Lost: Ministry in an Age of Overwhelm* Cascade Books, 2018

Edington, Mark D.W. Bivocational. *Returning to the Roots of Ministry* Church Publishing 2018

James M Francis and Leslie J Francis: *Tentmaking: Perspectives on Self-Supporting Ministry* (Gracewing 1998)

\*Richard Giles, *Here I am* (Canterbury Press 2006)

Paula Gooder, *Reader Ministry explored* (SPCK 2009)

Robin Greenwood: *Transforming Priesthood* (SPCK 1994)

David Holye *The Pattern of our Calling: ministry yesterday, today and tomorrow* SCM 2016

David Ison: *The Vicar's Guide: Life and Ministry in the Parish* (CHP 2005)

Gordon Kuhrt: *An Introduction to Christian Ministry* (CHP 2000)

Giles Legood: *Chaplaincy* (CasseIl 1999)

Keith Lamdin and David Tilley *Supporting New Ministries in the Local Church* SPCK 2007

John Lees *Self-Supporting Ministry: A practical guide* SPCK 2018

Mary Louden, *Revelations* (Hamish Hamilton, 1994)

Dave Male, *Pioneering leadership. Disturbing the status quo?*

(Grove Leadership Booklet L14, 2013)

Jessica Martin and Sarah Coakley *For God’s Sake. Re-imagining priesthood and prayer in a changing church* Canterbury 2016

Kenneth Mason *Priesthood and Society* Canterbury 2002  
\*Andrew Mayes, *Another Christ. Re-envisioning ministry* (SPCK 2014)

Christopher Moody, *Eccentric Ministry* (DL T 1992)  
P. Moots, *Becoming Barnabas, the ministry of encouragement* (Alban Institute, 2004)  
Emma Percy *Mothering as a Metaphor for Ministry* Ashgate 2014

Emma Percy *What Clergy Do: especially when it looks like nothing* SPCK 2014

M. Percy, *Clergy: The Origin of Species* (Continuum, 2006)

John Pritchard, *The life and work of a priest SPCK 2007)*

Michael Ramsey: *The Christian Priest Today* (SPCK 1972)

\*Alastair Redfern: *Ministry and Priesthood* (DLT 1999)

Christina Rees (ed): *Voices of this Calling* (Canterbury Press 2002)

Jonathan Ross-McNairn and Sonia Barron, *Being a Curate. Stories of what its really like* (SPCK 2014)

Rumsey, Andrew Parish. *An Anglican Theology of Place* SCM 2017

Michael Sadgrove *Wisdom and Ministry: the call to leadership* SPCK 2008

\*Magdelen Smith, *Steel Angels. The personal qualities of a priest* (SPCK 2014)

John Witcombe: *The Curate's Guide: From Calling to First Parish* (CHP 2005)

Alan Bartlett, *A passionate balance: the Anglican tradition* (DLT 2007)

\*Mark Chapman, *Anglicanism: A very short introduction* OUP 2006)

\*Richard Giles: *How to be an Anglican* (Canterbury Press 2003)

Bob Jackson: *Hope for the Church* (CHP *2002)*

Martyn Percy *The Future Shapes of Anglicanism* Routledge 2017

\*Alastair Redfern: *Being Anglican* (DLT *2000)*

***Spirituality***

Simon Barrington-Ward and Brother Ramon: *Praying the Jesus Prayer Together* (BRF *2001)*

\*Stephen Cottrell: *Praying Through Life* (CHP 1998)

Jack Dalrymple, *Simple Prayer* (DLT 1984)

Richard Foster: A *Celebration of Discipline* (Hodder and Stoughton 2008)

John-Francis *Friendship Enfolded in Christ: the inner life of a priest* Canterbury 2018

\*Gerard Hughes: *God of Surprises* (BRF 1993)

William Johnstone: *Being* in *Love: The Practice of Christian Prayer* (Fordham University Press 1999)

Martin Laird and Sheelah Treflé Hidden *The Practice of the Presence of God: theology as a way of life* Routledge 2017

Melvyn Matthew: *Both Alike to Thee: The Retrieval of the Mystical Way* (SPCK 2000)

Harold Miller, *Finding a personal rule of life* (grove Spirituality Booklet 8 1984)

Donald Nicholl: *Holiness* (DLT 1981)

Henri Nouwen: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (DL T 1994)

J I Packer: *Knowing God* (Hodder and Stoughton 3rd ed. 2005)

John Wilkins (ed): *How I Pray* (DL T 1993)

Rowan Williams: *The Wound of Knowledge* (DL T 1990)

The booklets in the *Grove Booklet (Spirituality)* series are often good introductions to aspects of spirituality.

***Biblical Studies***

J Drane, *Introducing the OT* (rev. ed. Lion *2000)*

S Moyise, *Introduction to Biblical Studies* (Cassell 1998)

J Barton, *Reading the Old Testament: method in Biblical Studies* (OL T 1996)

L Boadt, *Reading the Old Testament:* an *introduction* (Paulist Press 1984)

J Rogerson, *Beginning OT Study* (rev. ed. SPCK 1998)

C Rowland, *Christian Origins* (SPCK 1985)

G Stanton, *The Gospels and Jesus* (OUP 1989)

E P Sanders, *Paul (OUP* 1991)

***Christian Faith and Theology***

Christina Baxter: *Wounds of Christ* (Zondervan, *2005)*

Stephen Cottrell: *I Thirst* (Zondervan, 2003)

David Ford: Theology: A *Very Short Introduction* (OUP 1999)

\*ed. Colin Gunton, *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Doctrine* (CUP 1997), Part 2

\*Anthony and Richard Hanson: *Reasonable Belief (OUP* 1981)

Brian Hebblethwaite: *The Essence of Christianity* (SPCK 1996)

\*Alister McGrath: *Theology: The Basics* (Blackwells 2004)

\*Michael Perham, *To Tell Afresh* (SPCK 2010)

Keith Ward: *Christianity:* A *Short Introduction* (SPCK 2000)

Rowan Williams: On *Christian Theology* (Blackwell 1999)

Rowan Williams: *Open to Judgement* (DLT 1994)

Rowan Williams: *Lost Icons* (T &T Clark 2000)

***Liturgy* and *Worship***

Winfield Bevins *Ever Ancient Ever New: the allure of liturgy for a new generation* Zondervan 2019

WaIter Brueggemann: *Israel's Praise: Doxology Against Idolatry* and *Ideology* (Fortress Press

1988)

\*Christopher Cocksworth: *Holy, Holy, Holy: Worshipping the Trinitarian God* (DL *T,* 1997)

Paul Bradshaw: *Two* Ways *of Praying* (SPCK 1995)

\*Richard Giles: *Creating Uncommon Worship* (Canterbury Press 2004)

\*Richard Giles, *At Heaven’s Gate. Reflections on leading worship* (Canterbury Press 2010)

***Mission* and *Evangelism***

\*Paul *Bayes: Mission-shaped Church* - *Missionary Values, Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church* (Grove Booklet Evangelism series 67, 2004)

Mike Booker and Mark Ireland: *Evangelism: Which Way Now?* (CHP 2003)

J Andrew Kirk: *What is Mission?* (2002 DL *T)*

\*Mission Theological Advisory Group: *Presence* and *Prophesy* (CHP 2002)

\*Mission and Public Affairs: *Mission-Shaped Church* (CHP 2004)

Ann Morisy: *Journeying Out* - A *New Approach to Christian Mission* (Morehouse, 2004)

John Drane, *The Macdonaldisation of the Church* (DLT, 2000)

***Self Knowledge* and *Pastoral Relationships***

Justine Allain-Chapman *Resilient Pastors: the role of adversity in healing and growth* SPCK 2012

Alastair Campbell: *Rediscovering Pastoral* Care (DLT 1986)

Wesley Carr: *Handbook of Pastoral Studies* (SPCK 1997)

\*Malcolm Goldsmith and Martin Wharton: *Knowing Me* *Knowing You* (SPCK 1993)

\*Michael Jacobs: *Swift to Hear* (SPCK 2000)

\*Michael Jacobs: *Still Small Voice* (SPCK 2001)

Henri Nouwen: *The Wounded Healer* (DLT 1994)

Henri Nouwen: *Compassion* (DLT 1982)

Philip Sheldrake: *Befriending* Our *Desires* (DLT 1997)

***Religious Life***

*Anglican Religious Communities Year Book* - current edition (Canterbury Press)

Barbara Fiand: *Refocusing the Vision: Religious Life into the Future* (The Crossroad Publishing Co, 2001)

Basil Hume, O.S.B.: *Searching for God* (Gracewing 2002)

Isabel Losada: *New Habits* (Hodder & Stoughton 1999)

\*Mary Loudon: *Unveiled: Nuns Talking* (Ebury/Vintage 1993),

\*Timothy Radcliffe: *Sing a New Song: The Christian Vocation* (Dominican Publications 1999) "  
 Sandra M Schneiders, I.H.M.: *Finding the Treasure* (Paulist Press 2000)

Jean Vanier: *Community* and *Growth: Our* *Pilgrimage Together* (DL *T* 1989)

***Diaconate***

Rosalind Brown: *Being a Deacon Today* (Canterbury Press 2005)

Stephanie Dietrich ed *Diakonia as Christian Social Practice* Regnum Books 2014

Susanne Watson Epting U*nexpected Consequences: The Diaconate Renewed* Morehouse Publishing 2015

Michael Jackson *The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective* Sacristy Press 2019

***Lay Readership***

Sally Buck, Graham Dodds & Phillip Tovey: *Instruments of Christ's Love. The Ministry of Readers* (SCM, 2016)

Susan G. Farnham and others: *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community* (Morehouse Publishing, re-edition 2011)

Paula Gooder and Cathy Rowling: *Reader Ministry explored* (SPCK, 2009)

Gordon Kuhrt: *An Introduction to Christian Ministry* (CHP, 2000)

Gordon Kuhrt: *Bridging the Gap – Reader Ministry Today (CHP, 2002)*

John Lees: *Self-Supporting Ministry: A Practical Guide* (SPCK, 2018)

Charles Read and Philip Tovey: *Reader Ministry Today* (Grove Booklet W 203, 2010)

Phillip Tovey: *The Liturgical Ministry of a Reader* [geared to the C of E] (Grove Books W230, 2017)

Helen Thorp. *When the Church says ‘No’* (Grove Booklet P 98, 2004)

***Select List of Novels* with *Theological Themes***

The list below provides some titles of novels, which explore theological themes. The list is far from exhaustive.

Saul Bellow: *Henderson the Rain King*

Georges Bernanos: *The Diary of a Country Priest*

Fydor Dostoyevsky: *The Brothers Karamazov*

Shasuka Endo: *Silence*

Catherine Fox: *Angels and Men*

William Golding: *Darkness Visible*

*Rites of Passage*

*The Spire*

Graham Greene: *The Power and the Glory*

*Monsignor Quixote*

*Burnt Out Case*

Hermann Hesse: *Narziss and Goldmund*

*Siddhartha*

Susan Howatch: *Glittering Images*

P D James: *Death in Holy Orders*

*Children of Men*

David Lodge: *Therapy*

Sara Maitland: *Brittle Joys*

Brian Moore: *Black Robe*

*The Statement*

Iris Murdoch: *The Bell*

Barbara Pym: *A Glass of Blessings*

Marylinne Robinson: *Gilead; Home; Lila; Jack*

Sally Vickers: *Miss Garnet's Angel*

*Mr Golightly 's Holiday*

Morris West: *The Devil 's Advocate*

*Shoes of the Fisherman*

*Lazarus*

*The Clowns of God*

*Eminence*