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**Everyone is Called**

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We look forward to welcoming you to  
The Mirfield Centre on Saturday 23rd September.

**Please note:** If you would like a paper receipt for your booking, please **enclose a stamped addressed envelope**. If you provide an email address we will confirm your booking on receipt. We will contact you approximately one week before the event, when you will receive a reminder of the date and time, as well as any other relevant information.

About the Course Leader:

Derek is married to Carolyn, who is a Reader and they have three children and three grandchildren. He has been ordained since 1991, previously



working on major IT projects for the government. Derek was vicar of St Mark's, Utley from 2000 to 2015, and more recently an honorary canon of Bradford Cathedral. In 2015 he became Diocesan Director of Ordinands

and Vocations for the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, and a residentiary canon at Wakefield Cathedral. He is also a Bishop's Panel Advisor.

Derek is passionate about helping everyone discover a deeper understanding of vocation and regularly speaks at churches and events all over the Diocese of Leeds and beyond, including Spring Harvest and Soul Survivor. Derek's hobbies include watching sport and listening to music, especially U2 and he was a contributor to a book of sermons based on their songs.

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## **Everyone is Called**

A day for anyone with an interest in vocations, including those exploring their calling and those guiding them.



**Saturday 23rd September**

Led by

**Canon Derek Walmsley**

**£10.00**

(including lunch and refreshments)

**10.00am-3.30pm**

## About the Day

What should I do with my life? How can I help others discern what God wants them to do? Is there a Biblical understanding of work and rest that will help me?

The word “vocation” can be misused by both wider society and those within the church. It can simply mean “what makes me feel fulfilled” without any religious connotation. In the church it has often had a very narrow definition associated only with ministers, monks and missionaries. Is “calling” purely for a spiritual elite?

In the modern world “work” has become a word with negative connotations for many (“Thank goodness it’s Friday!”) and yet a priority for government policy. On the other hand, rest, holidays, leisure and retirement are all positive words. Is this how it should be? Is there a Christian perspective that will help us see these concepts more realistically?

With lots of stories, practical examples and biblical wisdom, Derek will help us discover some answers. This day will unpack the rich and surprisingly deep theology of God’s call. Vocation is a key theme of the Bible, as God calls people, families and whole nations to serve him in specific ways. It’s not just for “special” people and it’s not just about what happens in a church or even within the church community. Vocation is for everyone!

## Programme:

- 9.45am Arrivals
- 10.00am Welcome.
- 10.05am Session 1: A Biblical basis for Vocation
- 11.00am Coffee
- 11.15am Session 2: Defining Vocation
- 12.10pm Eucharist (optional)
- 1.00pm Lunch
- 1.45pm Session 3: Work, Rest and Play
- 2.25pm Brief break
- 2.30pm Session 4: Vocation and Me
- 3.25pm Closing prayer

*Timings are approximate and subject to change.*

Bursaries may be available, please ask when booking.



## Booking Form Everyone is Called

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**Diocese of Leeds** (please tick)

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