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Reading list for those Exploring Vocation

The following list brings together a small selection of classic and contemporary books that many candidates exploring a call to ordination have found valuable. It is offered as an introduction to some of the rich resources available, and candidates are encouraged to explore further reading in conversation with the clergy, lay leaders, and diocesan staff supporting them in their discernment of God's call and their part in God's story.

Vocation

- On Priesthood - Steven Cottrell (Hodder & Stoughton, 2020)
- When Jesus Calls - Marcus Throup (Canterbury Press, 2022)
- How to Find your Vocation - John Adair (Canterbury Press, 2000)
- Called or Collared - Francis Dewar (new edition, SPCK, 2000)
- This is our Calling - Charles Richardson (SPCK, 2004)
- The Call - Os Guinness (Harper Christian Resources, 2018)

Ordained ministry

- The Widening Circle - Graham Tomlin (SPCK, 2014)
- What Clergy Do - Emma Percy (SPCK, 2014)
- An Introduction to Christian Ministry - Gordon Kuhrt (CHP, 2000)
- On Priesthood - Steven Cottrell (Hodder & Stoughton, 2020)
- Being a Priest Today - Christopher Cocksworth & Rosalind Brown (Canterbury Press, 2002)
- Ministry in Three Dimensions - Steven Croft (DLT, 1999)
- The Christian Priest Today - Michael Ramsey (SPCK, 1972)
- The Life and Work of a Priest - John Pritchard (SPCK, 2007)

Self-supporting ministry

- Self-supporting Ministry, a Practical Guide - J. Lees (SPCK, 2018)

Liturgy and worship

- Two Ways of Praying: introducing liturgical spirituality - Paul Bradshaw (SPCK, 1995)
- Worship Changes Lives: how it works, why it matters - Paul Bradshaw and Peter Moger, eds (CHP, 2008)
- Reading the Liturgy: an exploration of texts in Christian worship - Juliette J. Day, (T&T Clark, 2014)

Anglicanism

- All Things Anglican - Marcus Throup (Canterbury Press, 2018)
- The Anglican Understanding of the Church - Paul Avis (SPCK, 2000)
- Hope for the Church - Bob Jackson (CHP, 2002)
- Anglicanism: A Very Short Introduction - Mark Chapman (OUP, 2006)
- The joy of being Anglican - Caroline Hodgson (Redemptorist Publications, 2017)
- What Anglicans Believe - Sam Wells (Canterbury Press, 2011)
- A People's Church - Jeremy Morris (Profile Books, 2023)
- SCM Study Guide: Anglicanism (2nd Ed) - Stephen Spencer (2021)

Spirituality

- Praying Through Life - Stephen Cottrell (CHP, 1998)
- Celebration of Discipline - Richard Foster (Hodder & Stoughton, 2008)
- Knowing God - J I Packer (Hodder & Stoughton, 2005)
- The Wound of Knowledge - Rowan Williams (DLT, 1990)
- Praying the Jesus Prayer Together - Simon Barrington- Ward & Brother Ramon (BRF, 2001)
- Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith - Selina Stone (SPCK, 2024)

Biblical studies

- How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth: Fourth Edition - G Fee and D Stuart (Harper Christian Resources, 2014)
- Introducing the Old Testament - J Drane (revised ed, Lion, 2000)
- Introduction to Biblical Studies - Steve Moyise (Cassell, 1998)
- How to Eat Bread - Miranda Threlfall-Holmes (Hodder & Stoughton, 2021)

- The Drama of Scripture - Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen (SPCK, 2014)
- Grasping God's Word - J Scott Duvall and J Daniel Hays (Zondervan Academic, 2020)

Christian faith and theology

- Theology: A Very Short Introduction - David Ford (OUP, 1999)
- Theology: The Basics - Alister McGrath (Blackwells, 2004)
- On Christian Theology - Rowan Williams (Blackwell, 1999)
- God with us - Rowan Williams (SPCK, 2017)

Mission and evangelism

- Living His Story - Hannah Steele (SPCK, 2020)
- How to Pioneer (even if you haven't a clue) - David Male (CHP, 2016)
- Mission- Shaped Church - Mission and Public Affairs (CHP, 2004)

Religious life

- Anglican Religious Communities Year Book - Current edition (Canterbury Press)
- Unveiled: Nuns Talking - Mary Loudon (Ebury/Vintage, 1993)