



Go Deeper, 18th June 2023

Dear Miners,

I hope you enjoyed the sermon. Again. It does seem like I bang on about calling a lot, doesn't it! No apologies though, it's a central tenet of my faith, and part of what I believe I'm called to nourish here at Calverley. I wonder, have you prayed those prayers? "Lord, let me love those around me as you do?" "Lord, send out workers to the harvest?" "Lord, send me as you will?"

- Have you ever had a sense you were called to something, that you were made to do it? How did it feel? What's the 'largest' or 'smallest' thing you've felt that about?
- Have you felt called to do something tedious? I have definitely felt called to clean toilets, to do various annoying bits of admin, things I'm not always good at or don't enjoy. Knowing they were part of a bigger calling like teaching or church helped a lot. Do you identify with that?
- Have you ever felt calling shift? Called to move on from something? Our many callings are often not for life, but for a season.
- Do you have a sense of calling in the rest of life, outside church? Of course, I say outside church, but not outside faith, outside Christ; there's no such thing!
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I hope thinking about receiving Lizzie as our curate sparked some interesting thoughts and questions about her calling, and about each of ours. Do let us know what they are, we'll weave them into her first weeks here. Either write them in the AMA box or email me.

Every Blessing

Rob

Deeper Stuff

The London Institute of Contemporary Christianity have swathes of good resources exploring vocation in all of our life. Check them out at <https://licc.org.uk/about/life/>

Let me leave you this week with the prayer for growth. Print it.
Pray it. Ask the Lord what your part is.

**God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**