

Where am I called to serve you, Lord?

Our calling as a community was clear; to love the Lord Jesus with all our hearts and, as an outworking of that to have a house of the love of God where those who stayed with us could meet the Lord Jesus because he lives with us. As we were obedient to that call then the heavenly Father provided the means to fulfil it, the house, the Sisters and our daily bread.



Within that call came other calls. It wasn't unexpected when we found ourselves teaching from the Bible or giving spiritual help and encouragement. We didn't foresee a ministry to those who were dying. We have accompanied many now to the gates of heaven. It is holy ground and a great privilege. Alongside this there have been many attempts to divert us from the path of God's calling to a calling desired for us by someone else!

We share this because we believe that all those who follow the Lord Jesus have a calling to serve him. It doesn't matter if we are nineteen or ninety. It was once thought that the vicar should be good at everything and fulfil every calling in the church. This can happen with us too. We can be pulled this way and that or we ourselves, as the saying goes, want a finger in every pie! On the other hand some of us are reluctant to leave our comfort zone.



All this is far from fulfilling God's call in our lives. Calling goes with gifting although we often aren't aware of the gift God has given us until we answer his call. Sometimes when we are older a calling resonates with something we have vaguely felt when we were younger but it has needed years of the Lord polishing us up to make us ready. Then it happens. It is important that we don't miss the Lord's call and we have the courage to stick with that and let other things go.

Where do we begin? Ask the Lord and listen to him. He will reveal the task for you. "Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult." (The Methodist Covenant Service). When you hear his call, follow with all your heart and the Lord will give you all you need to fulfil it.