

## Exploring Vocation Candidate Initial Form

### Some words of introduction:

Thank you for being willing to step forward to explore what God might be calling you into. This form is an opportunity for you to tell us a little bit about yourself. It might feel a little daunting but please do not feel that you need to give us your whole life story or to bear your soul! Think of it as the first words of introduction to help us have a better conversation when you meet with us to explore God's call on your life.

Because prayerful discernment is best done by a team, the information you provide will be shared with the members of the vocations team who work with you and an electronic copy will be held securely in the Growing Leaders team files for a minimum of ten years.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of this form or the discernment process then please speak with your incumbent or contact [rosie.strachan@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:rosie.strachan@blackburn.anglican.org).

Nick McKee  
Director of Vocations

About You:		
<b>Full Name</b>		
<b>Preferred first name</b>		
<b>Home Parish</b>		
<b>Incumbent</b>		
<b>E-mail Address</b>		
<b>Home Address</b>		
	<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>		
	<b>Home</b>	
	<b>Work</b>	
	<b>Mobile</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>		
<i>Please note that there are upper age limits in place for those entering training for licensed or ordained ministry within the Diocese of Blackburn. The details are available in our published policies.</i>		

<b>Relationship status</b>		
<i>Please indicate if more than one of the above apply e.g. Widowed and Remarried</i>		
<b>Single / Engaged / Married / Civil Partnership / Widowed / Divorced</b>		
<b>If applicable:</b>		
	<b>Name of Partner</b>	
	<b>Name and current ages of children</b>	
<b>Current Occupation</b>		
<b>Date of Baptism</b>		
<b>Date of Confirmation</b>		
<i>If your confirmation was not in the Church of England then please indicate which denomination it took place in.</i>		
<b>Your learning</b>		
<i>Please use the space to tell us something of your history of learning. This might be from formal education such as school or university, courses at work, a voluntary organisation, Church, or other informal learning that you want to tell us about. Remember, these are first words and so you do not need to tell us every detail of every course.</i>		
<b>Have you been in good health over the past five years?</b>		
<b>Yes / No</b>		

<b>About your possible vocation:</b>
<b>What form(s) of lay or ordained or lay ministry are you exploring</b>
<b>Ordained (stipendiary) / Ordained (self supporting) / LLM / Lay Evangelist / Not sure</b>
<b>What has prompted you to explore God's call on your life at this time?</b>
<b>Why do you think that God is potentially calling you to the ministry/ministries you are exploring?</b>
<b>How have others responded to you exploring a possible vocation to licensed/ordained ministry?</b>



<b>How long have you been involved in your local church?</b>			
<b>How are you involved in the life of your current local church?</b>			
<b>Anything else?</b>			
<i>Is there anything else that you would like us to know before we meet with you?</i>			
<b>Signed:</b> (type your name)		<b>Date:</b>	

Please return this form to Nick McKee, the Director of Vocations, by email [nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org](mailto:nick.mckee@blackburn.anglican.org) and we will be in touch with you to help you explore what God might be calling you into.