

Overview

- **Vocation**
- **Story**
- **Outside in, or inside out**
- **Encounter**
- **Living our faith in a time of change**
- **'I will give you shepherds'**
- **Feed them yourselves**



Vocation

- **What's God's job?**
- **What's our role?**
 - **"Seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness" (Matthew 6:33)**
- **What is evangelisation?**
 - **To be as Christ Jesus**
 - **Riding the horse**
 - **In relationship with Jesus**

'Evangelisation' simply means to live by and share the Good News.

The Good News is that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, lived, suffered, died and rose again, that you and I might share in the eternal life God has always intended for each of us.

Acknowledging and living out of our baptism, confirmed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and nourished and healed in the Eucharist, is the heart of both salvation and of evangelisation.

Salvation is the entry into God's life-giving love, won for us in Jesus Christ.

Evangelisation is allowing ourselves to be renewed and transformed by salvation, so that our lives become a living witness to all that God is doing in and around us.



Vocation

"The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing is to hand over your whole self - all your wishes and precautions - to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is to remain what we call 'ourselves,' to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time to be 'good'. We are all trying to let our mind and heart go their own way - centred on money or pleasure or ambition - and hoping, in spite of this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you could not do. As He said, a thistle cannot produce figs. If I am a field that contains nothing but grass-seed, I cannot produce wheat... If I want to produce wheat, the change must go deeper than the surface. I must be ploughed up and re-sown." c.s. Lewis ('Mere Christianity')



Story

- **The story of a faith tradition**
 - **Genesis and beyond**
 - **Noah...Abraham & Sarah...Ruth...David...Solomon...Gideon ... Jonah...Job...**
 - **Jesus**

What is story of your faith?

These stories teach us that we have been created to have an eternal relationship with the One who called us into being. They reveal that, through our selfishness, we have distorted that relationship. They promise us that God's desire is to restore that relationship to its original strength and innocence.

Jesus is the central point of the story: the one who brings it all together. For everything that is taught to us about God in the Old Testament comes to birth in his person, and is revealed in his life, death and resurrection.

In Jesus, the storyteller who is God, becomes one of us. God's story becomes aligned with ours.



The Story of Your Faith

"No one can hurt you if you are determined to do only what is right; and blessed are you if you have to suffer for being upright. Have no dread of them; have no fear.

Simply proclaim the Lord Christ holy in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you have.

But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their accusations." 1 Peter 3: 13 – 16