

SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Marlow

"I've seen how God has transformed me through this training. My heart has changed, and my calling has been affirmed. I know God has called me to be a pioneer and an evangelist, and the training has helped me articulate and embrace that."



Miranda Okon

"My training was excellent, and I got to do it with so many God-fearing Christians who have become life-long friends. Apply! God will push you and you will be richly rewarded."



Temi Adeloye

Temi is a Specialist District Nurse Practitioner and Social worker and a Church Army Evangelist trainee based at St John's Church, Peckham. She coordinates her parish children's and youth group, leads a free walk-in clinic and day centre for older adults where people are supported holistically and invited to encounter Jesus Christ.



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What is my vocation?

The discernment process



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EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY



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share the good
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Are you called to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others?

Evangelists with the Church Army come from all walks of life and traditions. What they share is a passion for evangelism and a desire to see communities and lives transformed by the love of Jesus.

Are you someone who:

- loves God and loves people?
- wants to see more people come to a living faith in Jesus Christ?
- loves sharing their faith?
- wants to be part of helping people and their communities be transformed by God's love?

If the answer is yes, God might be calling you to ministry as an Evangelist with the Church Army.

"You cannot fail to be inspired by stories of changed lives when you meet a Church Army evangelist. Some of our very best serve in the Diocese of Southwark." – Matt Barlow, CEO of Church Army

"The vision of Church Army is to share the good news of Jesus Christ and, in so doing, to express something of God's love for every person." – The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford & Chair of the Board of Trustees for Church Army

Church Army Evangelists work in a wide range of situations, from a single local church to large projects supporting mission over a large area or diocese. Examples include:

- specialist work with young offenders and those at risk of offending
- work with local schools to help those struggling at school and at risk of exclusion
- Bible and prayer evenings for young people
- a youth church led by young people.

Becoming a Church Army Evangelist gives you:

- affirmation of God's call by the wider Church
- tailored training and ongoing support for your ministry
- a learning community
- an opportunity to reflect as you go.

Here in Southwark, they work in some of the most deprived communities in the UK, where there are high levels of anxiety and depression. Their work includes:

- running youth and children's clubs
- home visiting and mentoring
- work with families
- holiday clubs and trips and employment advice and training.

The discernment and selection process to be a Church Army Evangelist has two components which often run in parallel: with Southwark Diocese (through the Vocations Team in collaboration with the Discipleship and Ministry Team) and with the Church Army.



Training is accredited and delivered as part of the Church of England Common Awards scheme validated by Durham University and has seven areas of focus:

- the Christian faith
- mission and evangelism
- mission and evangelism in a Pioneer context
- creating and sustaining Christian community
- contemporary culture and context
- leadership and collaboration
- the Church Army.

Note that all those discerning a call to Church Army ministry will have to undergo a DBS check and safeguarding training.

Next steps

If you think you might be called to serve God as a Church Army Evangelist, talk with your incumbent or chaplain. They will be able to help you discern God's calling and support you through selection and training.

If you would like to have an informal conversation about your sense of call to evangelistic ministry, please email layministry@southwark.anglican.org and someone from the Discipleship and Ministry Team will contact you. They can also put you in contact with the Church Army and guide you through the discernment process.

Find out more about the Church Army ministry in Southwark on our website.