

SPOTLIGHT ON...

PAUL WARREN

Paul is an Urban Missioner in Bermondsey. No two weeks are the same. He leads and preaches at services; takes funerals; runs enquirers' courses and men's breakfasts; is involved with the Ready Steady Grow toddler group and in school work; and supports people at the church community café and local market.



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 done in residential weekends at the Church Army centre in Sheffield, 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 lay ministry, please e-mail the Revd Dr Raewynne Whiteley, Deputy Director of Discipleship and Lay Ministry, at raewynne.whiteley@southwark.anglican.org. She 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 Diocesan website at southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/ministry/discipleship-ministry/lay-ministries/evangelist, and the Church Army website at churcharmy.org.uk



The Diocese of
Southwark



Evangelistic ministry

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NICK RUSSELL

Nick is the Greenwich Centre of Mission Lead Evangelist, working in an area with poverty; high crime rates; gang-related violence; domestic violence; and a culture of self-medication for depression and violence through drug abuse.



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.

“We know that the good news of Jesus Christ is hope for every person and for the whole world.”

***– Archbishop Stephen Cottrell,
Chair of the Church Army Board***

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.



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

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KAREN SAUNDERS

Karen supports the young people on her estate who might otherwise be involved with drugs, violence and gangs, helping them explore their relationship with Jesus and their own faith journey. She runs four different youth mission groups, and works with the local school and shopkeepers and a mother and baby unit.



- specialist work with young offenders and those at risk of offending
- a computer and games bus
- 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.

What does becoming a Church Army Evangelist give 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.

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