



In a conflicted and hurting world many of us long for our faith to have a positive impact, but in the midst of the messiness of life it can be hard to know where to start. We believe that God is in the business of restoring brokenness, transforming relationships and that we are called to take part.

Archbishop Justin Welby has brought together leading peacemaking thinkers and practitioners to create a 5-session course to help you do this. You can be awakened to this calling by practising a way of being and growing in confidence to navigate the challenges of today's culture.

Venue: The Meeting Room, All Saints Church, Saughall 7.30 - 9.00pm

in 5 Sessions

Thursday 13th June
 Monday 17th June
 Friday 27th June
 Tuesday 2nd July
 Wednesday 10th July

God's Calling
 Crossing Divides
 Navigating Disagreement
 Practising Forgiveness
 Community Together

While this course is Christian in content it is by no means exclusive. Forgiveness and Reconciliation are issues and themes that effect every human being. People of any faith or none are welcome to join in and bring their unique story.

The course will help you develop Three Reconciling Habits

Be Curious - When am I listening?

Seeking out and listening to the story of others, honouring their value, dignity and worth. Placing ourselves in the shoes of another and reflecting on what it is like to be them - so that we can understand their reaction or opinion before forming a judgement about it. Understanding their story helps us recognise and explore the limitations of our own story.

Be Present - Who am I encountering?

Engaging our whole selves with encounters with those we find different or difficult. Being honest with ourselves in those encounters, with vulnerability and humility. Having the courage to make space for the other physically (so we can meet and value them), emotionally (to approach them as equals) and spiritually (to allow God to shape us through the encounter).

Re-imagine - What am I hoping for?

Continually offering back to God this journey on which he is leading us, and allowing Him to lead us in to deep hope, full of forgiveness and possibility. Seeking His perspective on our relationships so we act with courage and creativity. We have an invitation to look beyond the current situation, to dream of a world God is dreaming of - to prophetically reimagine and embody what we are hoping for.

When we practise these habits regularly, they begin to shape not only our actions, but also our hearts and minds. We become people who are more curious, forgiving hospitable and hope filled. We adopt the rhythm of the reconciler.

Each session will develop these habits through:

Story - Listening to stories in the Gospels and personal accounts of people who have encountered forgiveness and transformation.

Space - practical ways of processing by experiencing examples of reconciliation in action.

Sanctuary - reflection & prayer. Sharing with God, listening to Him, seeking to be caught up in what He is doing.

This course will expand horizons, build hope and open new possibilities leading you from thought to action. It is not therapy and it does not teach you how to be a Mediator.

This is a pilot for a new course that will be launched nationally. We have been invited to run this experimentally and give our feedback to Lambeth.

To apply: - please check that you can commit to the majority of the dates and add your name to the list at the back of church or email Canon Steve at steve.mansfield@mac.com

Spaces are limited to ensure the quality of the input and benefit of the group dynamic. If we have more applicants than we can manage we will notify you by Monday 10th June.

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