



What will Caleb be about?

- Learning is not just about gathering information or about doing courses. It is often the shared experience, the atmosphere of learning, the context and the company. You can help create this by being a part of Caleb.
- Caleb is happening because we need a different kind of course when we are older. There are different (as well as common) issues and challenges. Aspects of this will be shaped by those who are a part of the year.
- Caleb will engage in Worship, sharing, learning and eating together,
- Spiritual formation and mentoring – an opportunity to explore personal development and to reflect on the other aspects of the course.

Those who are doing the full time option can pursue accredited study with Springdale College.



Mutende Children's Village, Zambia

Caleb is being run by Bridge Trust in partnership with Springdale College and Christian Aid. Both of these organizations bring valuable training resources to the course.

Bridge is led by Dave Day, a church leader with vast experience both in the U.K. and in many different countries of the world.

Bridge Trust works with churches across the U.K. and internationally, has long standing partnerships in Zambia, India, the USA, New Zealand. More recently, Bridge has developed initiatives in the Far East. (Taiwan)

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# CALEB YEAR

TIME TO REFLECT, RE-ENVISION, RE-ENERGISE



PURPOSE

**Create room to explore the future, reflect on the past. Merge the hope and faith of the Christian gospel with the recognition that we have not arrived. Devote time to the challenge: "we press on to take hold of that purpose for which Christ Jesus has taken hold of us."**

# Caleb's Challenge



Let the inside of our church become the outside and the outside the inside.  
Let the dreams rise up, some from ashes, some from slumber to our surface.



Is there a desire to make the most of your life experience rather than discount it? Age is a gift, but it is often demeaned and denied by modern culture?

Caleb is a year for people 40+ who want to deepen and extend their understanding and experience of Christian discipleship. What are the issues, questions, and challenges facing the world today? How can we engage globally and locally, personally and in community? It is about life-long learning and

a new season for life....

Underpinning the course will be foundational questions: What can I do that will help me flourish? Who am I and what are we becoming as we mature? Where and how can we contribute to the emergence of vibrant, relevant expressions of church that connect with our culture?

Time is a precious asset. Caleb gives space and time to examine some of the most important issues in life... It is a year to reflect, re-envision and re-energise your life.

## Shape of the Year

The course is structured with different modules for study and engagement. It is intended, primarily, to be experiential rather than applied. However, the aim is for flexibility: there is opportunity for some people to focus on more academic study while others may concentrate on learning by experience.

Time will be given to the following elements:

- ◆ Service in your own local church (the equivalent of one day per week)

- ◆ Teaching / seminar input (the equivalent of one day per week)
- ◆ Group sessions including worship and time for individual mentoring. Personal development of skills and interests would be an important element.
- ◆ Volunteer time with local charity work and UK based missional projects. (the equivalent of one day per week)
- ◆ At least one residential weekend will be arranged
- ◆ International experience. There will be one visit to an overseas project (with option for a second trip). These are likely to be a mixture of pioneering and established situations. Comparison of culture and gospel is proposed as well rationale for and the nature of mission examined.

Core topics will include 'Sticky issues' such as faith and doubt, gender, sexuality, how to interpret and respond to the Old Testament, the felt gap between belief and experience, and 'church, culture, mission' issues for mission in contemporary society. Both lessons from the past -Church history - and 'the next phase' of life. There is opportunity to think and reposition oneself.

In other words, Caleb is not just a year out but a year for creative investment for the present and the future.

## FEES

THE COURSE COSTS £1250 FOR THE YEAR. YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO COVER EXPENSES FOR OVERSEAS TRAVEL.

PART TIME OPTION: £800