



How is God calling you?

Perhaps it's come like a bolt from the blue during a sermon, or in your own prayer time. Maybe you have a suspicion you haven't dared admit to yet. Or has someone already recognised it, and asked you if you've ever thought about being a Reader? God can call us in dramatic or in the quietest of ways, directly or through other people.

All sorts of different people are called to Reader ministry – those in their twenties and those in their fifties, those who are single and those who are busy parents. God calls accountants and police officers, factory workers and youth workers, stay-at-home Mums and the early retired.

Do you think God is calling you?



What are Readers called to?

Readers are lay people who have been trained for ministry and licensed by the Bishop. Readers are licensed to preach and lead services, to assist in learning with others, to develop a supportive ministry for those exploring their faith, and to energise others to be drawn to God through all that they are and do.

There are Readers in this Diocese who:

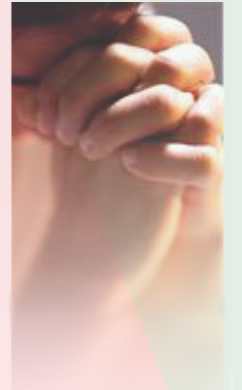
- Lead Parents and toddlers' worship services
- Take funerals and offer ministry to the bereaved
- Take baptism preparation sessions
- Lead Godly Play or Messy Church events
- Run home groups or Lent courses
- Serve as Chaplains in hospitals and shops and much, much more

Do you think God is calling you to this?

What's involved in exploring Reader ministry?

If a Candidate for Reader ministry is supported by their PCC and incumbent, they will have their calling tested through a Diocesan selection process.

This usually happens in May each year, and involves being interviewed by a panel of people. As a result of this, the candidate may be recommended to train as a Reader.



Readers train through the Lindisfarne Regional Training Partnership (mainly based in this Diocese at Church House, Percy Main). This will usually take three years, and involves academic learning, training in skills, and becoming a person ready for Reader ministry.