

# Readers Bulletin

January 2015



## Greetings!

### **Last year 2014 went so quickly!**

As well as the work Readers have undertaken in parishes locally we also saw: newly licensed Readers in place in parishes, Readers continuing to undertake further development training and study, Reader Taster evenings, newly selected Readers now in training, Bishop Paul's installation, Summer Study evenings, which included an opportunity to worship together, the Bishop of Warrington's Annual Reader Study Day led by Dean Pete and a study of Mark's Gospel, publication of the revised Reader Association constitution was published, there was improvements to the Reader Website and communications, alongside the continuing development of a new guidance document on Reader/Incumbent relationships. In addition there were my personal meetings and involvement with many synod's and chapter meetings. What a year! A huge thanks to all who have helped achieve so much, and let us all praise God for His continual blessings on our ministry!

### **So what lies ahead for this year 2015?**

We now know the dates and the topic for this year's Summer Study evenings facilitated by Rev Canon Rod Garner these have been published, (**see 'Events' document attached to this Bulletin**), with Bishop Paul leading one of the evenings. Please do encourage one another to come along, especially our clergy colleagues. Dates for Reader Taster sessions are also published on the Events document, as well as the date of September Reader AGM and Conference. The guidance document will be produced early this year, and work on improving ethnic minority Christian representation in the Liverpool Diocese Reader Association will continue. In addition to all this we have our involvement in the Bishop's growth agenda, we offer our support to many new ministries (e.g. Missional Leaders, Fresh Expressions, reorganisation of a number of parishes.) Please do support your Deanery Reader and Chaplain Representatives in their work locally and also at the Diocesan level.

I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel around the Diocese during the year.

Your servant in Christ, Spen

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## Diocesan Reader Association Meetings:

These meetings are held three times a year, February, May and September. Please speak to your Reader Chaplain if there is anything you wish to bring up.

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## Taster Afternoon

Please encourage anyone you know who may be discerning Gods call in their life to come along, or better still come with them. The afternoon is very relaxed and gives people a chance to find out more about our Ministry.

Tuesday 10th February - Radcliffe Room, Liverpool, Cathedral - 2.00pm

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## Selection Interviews

The selection interviews will be in May, Once we have an idea on numbers then we will set the dates.

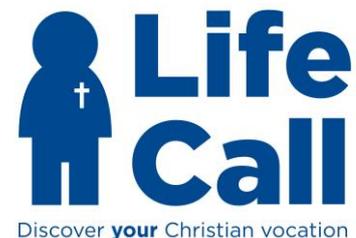
Those who make a successful application will be called to interview on one of these days

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## Life Call

As no doubt you are aware, the Church of England is becoming short of priests and in many places Readers are playing a vital role in staffing their churches. In the future more priests are due to retire thus making the situation even more difficult. I wonder if you have ever considered if God might be calling you to ordination. Often when we are licensed as Readers, we think that is the end of our calling but let us keep our minds and hearts open to God and, if he is nudging us in that direction, let us not be to afraid to test it out.

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## Relicensing / MDR

Last year saw another group of Readers complete their Ministerial Review and re-licensing. Can I urge those who will be re-licensed this year to get the paper work back on time? This also applies to the Annual Return Forms that we all receive. Can I also encourage you to record any training that is relevant to your ministry? This includes any secular training that you believe impacts on your work as a Reader and do remember the training you receive in your Deanery Chapter Meetings. Along with the usual training events for Readers please see the Diocesan weekly bulletin and Reader webpage for other training that you may find helpful.

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## SUMMER STUDY EVENINGS 2015

### Theme: Being Anglican

Our religious identity – the sense of who we are and what we are specifically for as Christians – becomes increasingly important in a time of rapid cultural change and religious tensions. In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in Paris, for example, what does it mean to say *Je suis Anglican*? Our study evenings this year will explore this question from a number of angles including belief, ecumenism, worship, music and hymnody. Bishop Paul has kindly agreed to lead the evening on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June when he will offer a personal perspective. A leaflet with full details of themes and other speakers will be issued by Easter. In the meantime please put the following dates in your diary now:

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Location:

The Select Stadium Conference Centre, Widnes. Feedback from delegates who attended last year's study evenings has been positive and we intend to maintain the high standards of conference facilities and speakers in 2015.

We look forward to meeting you all again in June.

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## **AGM / Licensing Service - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**

Please come and support the new Readers as they begin their ministries. Also it is a time to catch up with fellow Readers. We are looking to license another 11 Readers this year.

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## **TRAINING DAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 – The Select Stadium, Widnes**

More details will follow later in the year.

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## **ANNUAL RETURN FORMS:**

This year we are trying an online survey for your annual return form

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## **Diocesan Lapel Badges:**

The diocese have given me some badges for our Readers, This will be one badge, each, if you would like one please get in touch with Wendy Pooley on [wendy.pooley@liverpool.anglican.org](mailto:wendy.pooley@liverpool.anglican.org)

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## **READER MAGAZINES:**

Some Readers have suggested that they do not read their magazine so therefore do not wish to continue to receive it anymore. Could you please let me know if you wish to continue or not.

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## THE WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on our website [www.liverpoolcathedral.org/readers](http://www.liverpoolcathedral.org/readers) If you have any meetings for events coming up please let us know, date, venue, times and this can be put on the website and also facebook. Also if you have any photographs of yourself in your reader role please send them in and they can go on our facebook page.

As we move once again into that busy time of year I hope that you will find time for some rest and relaxation. I am continually inspired by your dedication and devotion and pray that God will bless you and your families.



## CENTRAL READERS COUNCIL

Please keep an eye on the Central Readers Council website for future information.

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