



## LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF READERS

### AGM Minutes Readers meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016

- Spen welcomed everybody to the AGM and Garth Raybould lead the Worship
- **Apologies** were received from 39 Readers – 63 Readers attended.
- **Minutes** from 2015 were approved – Proposed Tracie Dunsby, seconded Annie Houghton
- **Matters arising:**
  1. The AGM was reminded about the talk given Kath Yates at the AGM 2015 on MEAs and everyone at this year's meeting was updated on the current position in respect of Minority Ethnic Anglicans. MEAs were now part of an active recruitment and selection process and this was evident in Reader Ministry as a MEA from the Tamil community was selected for Reader Training this year.
  2. It was noted that the new archdeaconries were now established. Readers were thanked for their support in this process.
  3. **Secretary report** – Wendy Pooley gave an overview of the breakdown of Reader numbers in total we have 347 Readers

The Diocese are looking into putting annual return forms online for people to complete and upload onto a website. Stuart Haynes is looking into this for the whole of St James' House. This will mean that Wendy will not have to input 350 forms each year, i.e. the annual return form and the information that does not change will always be there. Also endorsement forms are being looked at, these will also be able to upload onto the new system and then the incumbent will be able to log on and give comments on each person. We are looking to bypass sending unnecessary paperwork to Incumbents and Chaplains. Emails are still going out in February to all those who's license is due to be endorsed that year, regardless of what date they were licensed. The other change I am looking at making it to reduce the deadline so that the papers are not left on somebody's desk for weeks. Also bring inline the DBS checks so these are done at the same time. We also need to move away from the term relicensing as this is confusing and move toward endorsement of licence.

Also Reader PTO Renewals will be done in the same way.

The Secretary was presented with a gift as a token of the members appreciation of her work.

- 6 **Finance Report:** Apologies were received from Matt Elliott, Finance Department. The annual accounts were circulated (see attached). Spen reminded Readers of the decision at last years AGM to transfer the Reader Association accounts to SJH and that the Constitution was to be



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amended. The Committee has seen the accounts and agreed them. Individual items of finance expenditure were reported

**A)** The Reader committee have sponsored Dave Lawton to travel to Ghana,

**B)** And also part sponsored a Reader to cover the costs of training for the Spiritual Directors course.

### **7 Warden of Readers Report: A copy of the full report is available on the Readers web page.**

a) The report gives details on the review of the Reader Committee meetings and formation of sub groups

b) All Readers to consider over the next 12 months a discernment on applying for the position of Warden of Readers to be advertised in late 2017.

c) There are some concerns that some deaneries are not represented at the committee, and that this needs addressing.

d) The Warden of Readers presentation on Reader Ministry to next Synod meeting would be available on the Readers web page

e) It was reported that there had been discussions about Readers involvement in Rural Ministry.

f) Safeguarding. A reminder that this is a national requirement not just Diocese of Liverpool.

g) An update on dementia and the involvement of Readers in the National Dementia Alliance, Mental Health and well-being initiative, Readers as LMLs and 'Leading and preaching' initiative was given.

### **8. Training:** Apologies were given from Bob Banton. However it was reported that:

- The Warden and Deputy Warden have been working on feedback received for trainees about the course which they are reporting back into All Saints via Bob Banton
- Simons Chesters is now in a new post, with Peter Whittington is to take over the role assisted by Bob Banton. All new accredited Reader training on All Saints is now validated by the University of Durham under Common Awards if the trainee Reader agrees.
- PIME now not running the Death and Grief module for Readers in the first year, this will now be incorporated into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year module. Readers have asked for a Refresher course for funeral ministry. PIME will focus on Mission and Ministry.

### **9. Presentation from Dave Lawton**

Dave Lawton, Peter Tregilgas and Peter Morris gave a very informative snapshot presentation on their work in Ghana and the building of a school.



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- 10. Thanks** – Readers thanked Dave, Peter and Peter for their presentation, and also thanked Gratten Williams Reader for ‘stepping in at the last minute’ to take the photographs on the licensing day.
- 11. Questions** – Questions were taken from the floor:  
communications; a retiring booklet on the website and a paper form. A few people asked about the progress of a Reader chaplain for the Wigan Deanery. The response was that the Area Dean and Archdeacon were aware of the situation and that they were seeking to amend this situation. There was a vote of thanks for the work that Spen has done over the last year.
- 12. The meeting closed with a couple of Prayers and the Grace**
- 13. Date of Next AGM & LICENSING** : Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

### **Dates for the diary**

**20<sup>th</sup> November Annual Readers Conference**

### **Taster events:**

**10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Hope Academy 7pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2pm Cathedral**