

# Liverpool Diocesan Association of Readers

# WELCOME



# St Jerome 30<sup>th</sup> September



- Born 340 in Stridon, Italy
- Converted to Christianity
- Priest, Translator, Theologian, Teacher of the faith.
- Patron Saint of Librarians
- Famous for quotes:
- "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."
- Died 420 A.D. Bethlehem

# Worship

Let us worship God, Father Son and Holy Spirit

**All: Amen**

Through Christ let us offer our sacrifice of praise to  
God

**All: Let our lips proclaim his praise**

# Rejoice, Rejoice!!!

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is in you, the hope of glory  
in our hearts***

***He lives! He lives! His breath is in you, arise a  
mighty army***

***We arise***

**Now is the time for us to march upon the land**

**Into our hands He will give the ground we claim**

**He rides in majesty to lead us into victory**

**The world shall see that Christ is Lord .....Chorus**

God is at work in us His purpose to perform  
Building a kingdom of power not of words  
Where things impossible By faith shall be made possible  
Let's give the glory to Him now

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Though we are weak, His grace is everything we need  
We're made of clay but this treasure is within  
He turns our weaknesses into His opportunities  
So that the glory goes to Him

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Bible Reading Psalm 125.

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts. But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

# We pray for the Church and mission

We pray for God's grace.

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer**

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:  
through your Son you have redeemed us;  
in your Spirit you have made us as your own.

Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

## Prayers continued

Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

Lord, receive our praise

**All: and hear our prayer.**

# Prayers continued

We give thanks today for the Reader Ministry nationally and especially here in Liverpool, for the 9 candidates who will be licensed to serve you, and for all Readers in their calling. Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth

**Lord of life hear our prayer,**

**All: and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you with joy forever.**

**Amen.**

We close this time of worship as we say together:

**We are called and loved by God the Father  
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.**

**Mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance,  
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

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Ministry”**  
**Central Readers Council Consultation Programme 2018**
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# Warden's Report

- Support to Training
- Thanks to Bob Banton
- More flexible working with All Saints course
- Sept 2016-12 Candidates
- Sept 2017-10 Candidates
- Warden's Bulletin Jan/July 17
- New Admin team
- Communication project completed and implemented
- CRC AGM/Consultation process
- Recruitment/Selection processes
- Summer Study evenings
- Involved in selection of the new Dean of the Cathedral
- Support to development of LML strategy
- Personal support to Readers and Incumbents especially in the change agenda
- Warden of Readers Role Description
- Thank you to the Reader Committee for their support

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# National Review of Reader Ministry

## Background:

- Report of the Lay Ministries Working Group 2015/2016
- Focussed attention on nationally licensed, locally authorised and locally commissioned lay ministry in the CofE.
- Focussed also on funding of, vocations to, and types of lay ministries.
- Bishop Martyn Snow appointed 2017 as new chair of the Central Readers Council (CRC)
- Bishop Martyn (+M) produced a consultation paper 'The CRC what is God calling us to be and to do?'
- +M states 'lay ministry has changed rapidly in recent years , not the least in diversity' and as a result, 'a serious question has arisen over the future of Reader Ministry'

# National Review of Reader Ministry cont'd

Summary of 'What is God calling us to do' Consultation Paper:

1. Mission and Ministry in a changing world
2. Celebrating Diversity
3. The urgent task facing the CRC
4. 3 pressing needs in Church and Society
  - a) Re-imagining the church's engagement with wider society
  - b) Teaching the faith
  - c) Mentoring and Coaching

# National Review of Reader Ministry cont'd

Need to consider

- Role of CRC and its focus
- Equipping Readers to be enablers of mission
- Equipping Readers to be inspirational teachers of the faith
- Equipping Readers (experienced Christians) to be skilled mentors/coaches for others
- Implications for Reader Training

Each Diocese invited to send 5 representatives to a meeting for discussion the paper in March 2018

# National Review of Reader Ministry cont'd

## Response of Liverpool Diocese

- Warden of Readers prepared an Executive Summary on the Consultation paper for information and also to consider the following:
  1. Determine what response, if any, should there be to the consultation paper
  2. Determine, if required, who should represent the Diocese at the Regional Consultation meeting in March 2018
  3. Determine, if agreed, the lead person/group if the diocese is to be involved in this project

# National Review of Reader Ministry cont'd

Please remember:

- Bishop Paul's quote:

'Where would the CofE, especially this diocese, be without Readers'

- Bishop Richard's quote:

'The Reader Ministry in this diocese is really valued'

- Please pray for consultation work, in faith and trust, as we wait on God.

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**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

# Reader Events – Key Dates – 2017/18

## 2017

19<sup>th</sup> Nov Bishop of Warrington's Annual Conference 9.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Reader Taster Evening 7pm. Christchurch Aughton

## 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Reader Taster afternoon 2pm. Liverpool Cathedral

12<sup>th</sup> May Reader Candidate interviews. Venue to be confirmed

5<sup>th</sup> ,12<sup>th</sup> ,19<sup>th</sup> June Summer Study Evenings, Widnes

(RG - last ever)

29<sup>th</sup> Sept Reader AGM & Licencing Service with Bishop Paul

18<sup>th</sup> Nov. (TBC) Bishop of Warrington's Reader Conference

# Closing Prayer

As we pray together we remember those candidates who are to be licensed today and all Readers in this Diocese:

**God our Father, in the name of Christ and in the power of the Spirit, we commit ourselves to you and to one another, to live, work and pray as one body in Christ; to do nothing apart which we can do together, and to do together what we cannot do apart; give us vision, give us courage, and give us joy, that the world may believe that Jesus is Lord to Your eternal glory. Amen**