



Diocese of Liverpool

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF READERS

AGM Minutes Readers meeting 29th September 2018

Spen welcomed everybody to the AGM and Sue Smither led the Worship

1. **Apologies** were received from 18 Readers – 73 Readers attended.
2. **Minutes** from 2017 were approved by those present.
3. **Secretary's, Finance report** –
 - Finance report Spen to read out information from Matt Elliot's report. It was explained that the accounts are now completed by the Diocese Finance Team. The Reader Committee agreed to give David Lawton a grant of £300 to help towards his Mission work in Ghana and also a further grant of £200 to Amanda Bushnell towards Spiritual Direction training
 - Admin information was given by Debra – the Reader numbers now stand at 300. There is a concern that the numbers have changed from licensed Readers to Permission to Officiate (PTO) this is a concern as numbers are reducing. Something that should be looked at going forward.
 - Bob Banton's report – Spen read the report from Bob. Spen gave his appreciation of the work All Saint's do. All Saints have looked at the academic requirements for students and have supported a number of students where needed. +Paul has always said that nobody should be refused to train as a Reader because of academia if they are called by God.
4. **Interim Warden of Lay Ministry scoping project** – Tim Griffiths spoke about his project – document in full available to view.
5. **Linda Jones** – brief overview of the arrangements for the Bishops visit 2019. This is all about the Tell, Serve, Give initiative. Bishop's are to coming to Liverpool from 7th - 10th March 2019 – and will be visiting parishes during this time. During the visits the Bishop's will be working alongside us to find out what is happening in our parishes. There will be more information about this so look out for the emails and also start planning what you would like to tell the visiting Bishop. Linda Jones and Chris Neilson are the contacts for this – contact them for more information.



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6. **Warden of Reader Report** – document in full available to view.

7. **CLOSE IN PRAYER.** Pray for those being licensed, families & friends, and churches gathered here this afternoon. We pray for God's Spirit to be upon us all as we also thank him for the work Readers have done in His name this past 12 months

8. **Thanks and presentation** – Garth gave thanks for Spen's work and support to all the Readers.