



Diocese of Liverpool

## LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF READERS

### AGM Minutes Readers meeting 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Spen welcomed everybody to the AGM and led the Worship

1. **Apologies** were received from 43 Readers – 80 Readers attended.
2. **Minutes** from 2016 were approved by those present.
3. **Matters arising:**
  1. Training feedback from candidates has shown an improvement in the course and more flexibility with All Saints training.
4. **Secretary report** – report indicated that there were 392 Readers, of which 226 were fully licenced 74 PTOs, and 60 Emeritus. It was noted that the admin team in SJH have been allocated to Readers part time as they both have other duties to fulfil within the office.

Sam Stanford and Debbie Evans were presented with a gift token as a thank you from the members for appreciation of their work.
5. **Finance Report:** The AGM received an update on the Reader finances which are managed by SJH Finance Division. It was noted that Reader subscriptions were down on 2015 by £750. The report was noted.
6. **Warden of Readers Report: A copy of the full report is available on the Readers web page.** Spen delivered a power point presentation:
  - Support to Training
  - Thanks to Bob Banton
  - More flexible working with All Saints course
  - Sept 2016-12 Candidates /Sept 2017-10 Candidates



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- 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
- **Breaking news (1) Warden of Readers post 2018 –Warden of Readers post to be changed and a new post created ` Warden of Lay Ministry` An email will be sent to all Readers detailing more about this positive change.**
- Thank you to the Reader Committee for their support
- **Breaking News (2) Announcement of the retirement of Bishop Richard in April 2018**

7. **Safeguarding:** The AGM received an update on safeguarding matters from the new Diocesan SG Advisor, Catriona Richardson
8. **C of E Bishops Visit to Liverpool 2019: Rev** Mark Stanford talked about the preparation that has started for the 2019 Northern Province Mission; Tell – Serve – Give. He encouraged churches to starting thinking of imaginative events that they could put on. There will be 30 Bishops and a team of people coming. He said the key things to say to people to encourage involvement were:
  - It's going be good
  - I'm going
  - Do you want to come?
9. **Presentation and Q and A by the Warden of Readers:** Central Readers Council Consultation Programme 2018 - "The Future of Reader Ministry"



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The meeting received an Executive Summary of the consultation document. The PowerPoint will be available on the Reader web page as from Monday. +Martyn CRC chair will be leading our November conference on this issue.

### **10. The meeting closed with a Prayer**

**11. Date of Next AGM & LICENCING:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018

#### **Dates for the diary**

- **Readers Annual Conference 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**
- **LifeCall Reader Taster 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**
- **LifeCall Reader Taster 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**
- **Reader Committee Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**
- **Reader Selection Day 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**
- **Reader Summer Study Evenings 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**
- **Reader AGM & Licencing Service with Bishop Paul 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018**
- **Reader Conference 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**12. Bishop Richard attended a lunch time briefing with Reader present and gave a fuller account of the changes that were emerging following Bishop Paul's decision to reconfigure Lay Ministry using the Reader structure as a way forward.**