



# READER TRAINING

Prepare for a vibrant and life-giving lay ministry in the Church of England with training that is Christ-centred, world-engaging and rooted in local communities.

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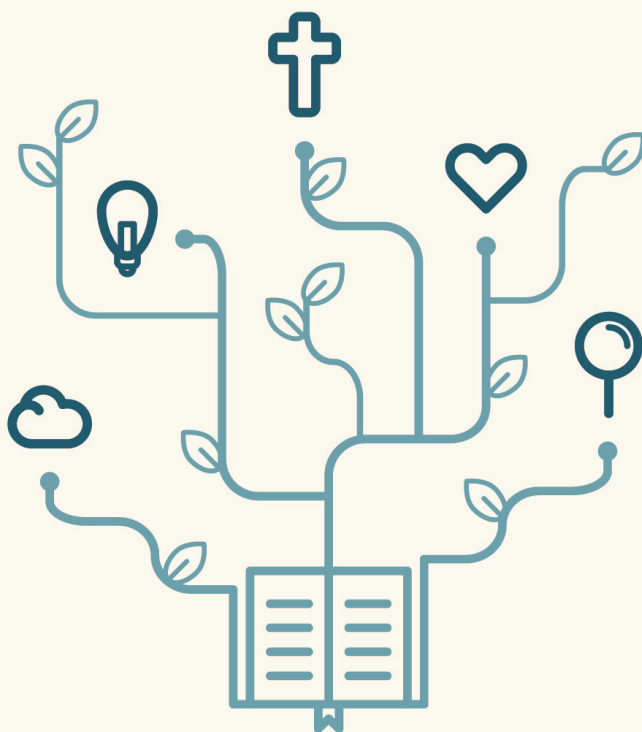
**Prepare for Reader ministry on our innovative three-year pathway which focuses upon deepening your spirituality as well as your understanding of the Bible. You'll develop skills in planning and leading worship, pastoral care, and helping others walk more closely with the Lord.**

**The three-year programme is a partnership between the Diocese of Truro and the South West Ministry Training Course.**

## PART-TIME STUDY THAT FITS YOU

Training for public ministry in the Church of England is a big step. You'll be challenged to think in new ways and become a person to whom others look for guidance and leadership. You'll be empowered to proclaim the Good News, bringing the church and the world together in the service of God's kingdom.

We believe you need time to prepare for such a role. That is why we deliver a three-year, part-time programme that equips, affirms and inspires you in your personal discipleship and growth.



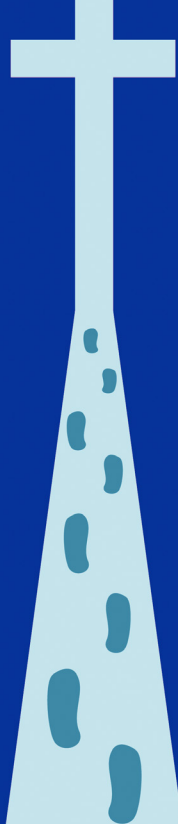
**Our Reader training programme takes the following form:**

# YEAR 1: FOUNDATIONS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

This one-year formational programme is attended by a variety of people who have one important thing in common: they are exploring their vocation.

Some will be like you: Readers in the first year of training. Others will be church members who have not yet discerned the shape of God's call. Many will go through Reader selection during the year, while others focus on serving God in different ways, perhaps as a lay worship leader or pastoral minister.

The programme is introductory in character, giving you a chance to learn more about the Bible, theology, spirituality and pastoral care. Over seven Saturdays during the year, you'll enjoy the fellowship of other Christians at study days and you'll share in worship and hospitality as you walk together with the Lord.



## YEAR 2 AND 3: FORMATION AND TRAINING IN COMMUNITY

As you move into the Reader-specific training programme, you'll deepen your knowledge of the Bible and Christian doctrine, as well as learning about liturgy, spirituality and prayer.

You'll be part of a community of future lay and ordained ministers from the Dioceses of Truro and Exeter, learning together. And you'll be fully embedded in your local community, growing into your new role with the support of a training supervisor and the training team.

You'll attend seven short study residentials per academic year (Friday evening to Saturday evening). You'll have regular evening classes and online seminars, and be expected to complete formational tasks in your home parish.

You'll also be asked to write assignments that lead to the award of a Higher Education Certificate through the Church of England's Common Awards programme, validated by the University of Durham.

# CONTINUING FORMATION FOR READERS: GROWING IN YOUR MINISTRY

Formation for your ministry continues after your licensing. You'll work with the tutor team on finessing your pastoral skills and reflecting on your ongoing practice. This is a time of growth and settling in: a chance for you to establish yourself in your new role with the support of a committed team of tutors, supervisors and mentors.



## CONTACT US

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