

Diocesan Director of Reader Ministry

Applications are invited for this volunteer post.

The Director assists the Warden of Readers with the assessment and training of candidates for Reader Ministry, including support to training incumbents, and oversight of programmes and on going support for all Readers. He or she is a member of the Diocesan Ministry Team (the Suffragan Bishop is the Director's line manager). Close working relationships are maintained with:

- the members of the Ministry Team
- the Selector for Reader Ministry
- the Ministry Team Administrator
- the readers in training and their local training supervisors
- Licensed Readers and those with PTO

Principal Tasks and Duties (a full job description is available from Deacon Frances Hiller (frances.hiller@churchofengland.org)).

1. To frame programmes of training for prospective readers and approve training agreements and provide for supervision of those in training.
2. To provide pastoral care to Readers in Training, Licensed Readers (and those with PtO) and those who are not recommended for this ministry.
3. To liaise with St John's Nottingham Extension Studies regarding modules for training, and motivating, and monitoring students' progress.
4. To be responsible for the design and leading of twice yearly residential three-day workshops for Readers and readers in training and occasional Diocesan Reader Conferences
5. To keep up to date with developments in theological education and training for Readers, and to promote Reader Ministry across the diocese

Qualifications include

1. Excellent interpersonal, cross-cultural and pastoral gifts, able to relate to people from a wide range of backgrounds, academic ability and in a variety of ministry contexts
2. Experience in developing gifts and skills for ministry.
3. A commitment to collaborative teamwork with an ability to work alone.
4. Expertise in theological, practical and liturgical formation for ministry
5. Ability to deal with conflict and serious pastoral issues sensitively

Notes

1. The successful applicant will be expected to attend Ministry Team meetings (usually in London every 2 months)
2. This is a volunteer position. Reasonable expenses authorised by the Suffragan Bishop will be reimbursed

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter setting out your relevant skills and why you are the right person for this job, to Bishop David (david.hamid@churchofengland.org)

Closing date for applications 30 August

Interviews: 11 September, in London