

Readers Day 2018 – Feedback from Participants (summary)

What touched your heart most and engaged your spirit?

Engaging with Mark's gospel, the speaker and their approach/style	73%
Sharing with and being with other Readers	26%

What part of the day was most or least useful?

Most: engaging with Mark's gospel	46%
sessions relating to Reader ministry	23%
an element of both	26%

How can we encourage people to consider Reader ministry, especially younger people?

By example	19%
By greater involvement, sense of being valued	19%
Ensuring the training is relevant, accessible, flexible	15%
Have a better understanding of what Reader ministry is	12%
Being distinctive from locally authorised lay ministry (which doesn't have the formal training)	12%
Get (young) people into church/have a faith first!	12%
Prayer	12%
It's difficult!	12%
Get excited about theology	8%
Ask ALMs to consider training as Readers	4%

What do you think is distinctive or core to Reader ministry?

Preaching, teaching, leading worship & sharing the Gospel with others	31%
<u>Lay</u> ministry, based in everyday life	12%
<u>Lay</u> theologian, training ensures Readers are biblically literate teachers and preachers	12%
Life-long learners	8%
Without the responsibility of full-time clergy/not ordained	8%
Pastoral	4%
Listening	4%
Not being churchy or using jargon	4%

Please share any suggestions or ideas you may have relating to the future of Reader ministry in the diocese

Educate the clergy about Readers and what they can do/ how to use them well	12%
How well Readers are used depends on the clergy	12%
Don't blur the lines between trained lay ministry and those without training (both are necessary, but different)	8%
Be consistent in purpose and approach to Reader training	8%
Publicity: short/sparky at/to synod and in other Christian places outside church	8%
Make it easier to minister beyond the deanery boundary	4%
Make Readers deacons	4%
In the future there may be more openings in schools	4%
In the future there may be more need for communion by extension	4%
Meet locally with other Readers more often	4%