

Lay Ministry

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HOW DOES IT AFFECT ME? READER MINISTRY

"I deeply value the ministry of each Reader; it is such a vital lay ministry. I hope that Readers across the York diocese will join me in embracing these exciting developments and pray that new life is breathed into this important ministry."

Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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Reinvigorating Reader Ministry

We seek to reinvigorate this important ministry by focusing it around four main ministerial functions:

- Being a leader in church and society
- Being a preacher
- Being an enabler of mission
- Mentoring other Lay Ministers

Name change

From Autumn 2023 Readers in the Diocese will be known as **Licensed Lay Minister (Reader)** or **LLM (Reader)** for short. This will apply to all Readers, including those who have Permission to Officiate who will be known as **PTO (Reader)**. This is in line with national church policy.

Discernment and Formation

From Autumn 2023 the discernment and formation pathways for LLM (Reader) will be different. LLM (Readers) will begin their formation with *The Deepening Discipleship Project* along with Authorised Lay Ministers. While this does not affect LLM (Readers) who are already Licensed or hold PTO we hope that you will join with us in encouraging other Lay Ministers coming forward for this ministry.



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