

## DISCOVERING MORE

Talk to a Reader in your church and with your incumbent.

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The Church of England Readers website is well worth exploring: [www.readers.cofe.anglican.org](http://www.readers.cofe.anglican.org)



“There are varieties of gifts,  
there are varieties of services  
and there are varieties of activities -  
but it is the same God who gives life to all,  
in everyone, as the Spirit chooses.”

*From 1 Cor 12*

### A Prayer to Pray

God our Father,  
We offer our lives to do your work  
in your Church and in the world.  
Help us by your Holy spirit  
to hear more clearly your call to deeper  
commitment to your service,  
and give us grace to respond with  
gladness:  
For the glory of Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



# READER MINISTRY

What is it? Is it for me?



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GROWING THE CHURCH

## WHO ARE READERS?

Readers are authorised lay ministers in the Church of England. There are nearly 10,000 across the country.

They are trained to preach, teach, lead worship and minister in a variety of roles and contexts in the church and wider community.

They are men and women from a variety of backgrounds and occupations who have heard God's call.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.



Readers are people who by their presence and words provoke the conversation, trigger and enable God talk in the midst of life, the midst of the wider community where they live, work and minister.

## IN THE MIDST OF LIFE

Readers are involved with:

- Preaching and teaching;
- Being a caring presence throughout people's lives:
- Children and families;
- Housebound, elderly, bereaved;
- Chaplaincy within a work place;
- Prayer and spiritual direction;
- Helping people to follow Jesus.