

Diocese of Bath and Wells

Application form

[to be completed by all those who seek selection for training]

Thank you for enquiring about becoming a Reader.

So that your application may receive further consideration would you please complete this form electronically. Once the form is complete and you have gathered the necessary evidence would you please send all the documentation to your Archdeaconry Warden of Readers

Archdeaconry Wardens

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| Bath Archdeaconry | Reverend Trevor Cranshaw  The Vicarage, 1 Miller Road  Cleeve, Bristol. BS49 4NL  01275 871458 |
| Taunton Archdeaconry | Reverend Robin Lodge  St Andrew’s Vicarage, 118 Kingston Road  Taunton. TA2 7SR   01823 352471 |
| Wells Archdeaconry | Prebendary Graham Witts  The Vicarage, 38 Rectory Road  Burnham-on-Sea. TA8 2BZ  01278 782991 |

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| Title [please circle] | Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Dr / other [please state] |
| Forenames [in full, please underline the name you are known by] |  |
| Surname |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Date of Baptism |  |
| Date of Confirmation |  |
| Marital Status |  |
| Occupation |  |
| Disabilities: If you have any disabilities please describe the nature of your disability and state if you would need any specific support in order to participate in Reader Training or Reader ministry. | |
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| Address |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Home Telephone No |  |
| Mobile Telephone No |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Parish in which you live |  |
| Parish in which you worship |  |
| Parish or Benefice in which you wish to serve |  |

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| Name of Spouse  [If appropriate] | |  |
| Names and Ages of Children  [if any] | |  |
| Promoting Racial Equality | Are you a member or an active supporter of any political party or other organisation whose constitution, policies, objectives, activities, or public statements are incompatible with the Church of England’s commitment to promoting racial equality? The House of Bishops has made declarations of incompatibility in respect of two organisations, namely the British National Party and the National Front.  Please state ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ | |

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| Brief Career History – please give current employment first and other significant activities. | | |
| Dates  From To | Employer | Job Description |
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| Church Involvement | |
| Dates  From To | Activities / Church Organisations you belong to |
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Education and Qualifications

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| Secondary Education (name your highest secondary attainment) | | |
| Dates  From To | Place of Education | Highest Exams Taken e.g. GCE’s, GCSE’s, HNC, Dip HE, etc  Please name subjects and give grades if possible |
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| Higher Education (Give details of any higher education) | | |
| Date | University | Subjects and Grade |
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| Professional Qualifications | | |
| Date | Awarding Body | Qualification |
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| Theological Education please give details of any course of lay training or study of Christian faith you have undertaken, e.g. Exploring Christianity  [Degrees should be recorded above] | | |
| Date | Organising Body | Course |
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| Please provide [preferably typed and no longer than 2 sides of A4] a review of your ‘My Faith Story’. This should make reference to:   * significant people and events in your life * your sense of calling [vocation] * your sense of the role you will fulfil as a reader * your prayer life * your involvement in and experience of church life * any matter not covered by this form that you would like us to be aware of | | |

Ethnic Monitoring

The Archbishops Council requires the Reader Council to monitor equal opportunity practices and to provide information regarding the ethnic origin of candidates. To help us collect the information would you please complete the following boxes:

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| What is your ethnic group? Please tick one description as appropriate | Group  White  Mixed Ethnic Groups  Asian / Asian British  Black or Black British  Other ethnic Group  Prefer not to say: | Tick  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  …… | Description  British  Irish  Any other White Background  White and Black Caribbean  White and Black African  White and Asian  Any other Mixed Background  Asian British  Bangladeshi  Indian  Pakistani  Any other Asian Background  African  Caribbean African  Black British  Any other Black Background  Chinese  Please state: |
| UK Border Agency requirements | Are you free to remain and work in the UK with no current immigration restrictions? | Yes/No | Please explain if necessary: |

References

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| One referee should be a communicant member of the Church of England who knows you well enough to be able to give a reliable opinion of your suitability to be a Reader in the Church of England, usually this will be the incumbent. Your second referee must know you in a non-church context, not a member of the church you worship in, and feel able to comment. We will contact the referees directly. Please indicate if this is a problem. | | |
| Name [including title] | Address [including postcode] | Email Address |
| Church Referee |  |  |
| Non Church Referee |  |  |

Declaration by Incumbent

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| This application has my full support. I do not know of any moral or legal reasons why the applicant should not be considered for training as a Reader. I believe the applicant has a firm faith and is regular in prayer and bible reading and is a regular communicant. I undertake to share in the pastoral and practical training of this candidate. I understand that I will be asked to provide a full reference prior to the candidate attending a Selection Conference | |
| Name |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |
| Email Address |  |

Enclosures: please check that you have enclosed the following documents and tick accordingly

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| Document | Tick |
| Baptism Certificate [obtainable from the parish where you were baptised]  Evidence of Confirmation [obtainable from the parish which presented you for confirmation]  Proof of Reception into the Church of England [if applicable]  Copy of the PCC Resolution supporting your Application [one from each PCC where you would like to serve]  Personal Statement – ‘My Faith Story’  2 Passport Sized Photographs | ……  ……  ……  ……  ……  …… |

Applicant’s Declaration

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| I declare that the above information is accurate and may be disclosed to all those involved in the selection process. I am aware of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and have no declarations to make. | |
| Signature | Date |