

Report and Comment on the 2020 Readers report

We asked about the most fulfilling aspect of ministry as usual this year and the answers were similar to last year when I wrote:

“unsurprisingly, preaching, teaching and leading worship were high on the list but the breadth of ministry continues to expand with Readers seeing their vocation increasingly outside of the church building.”

Of course this year we have the added dimension of the response of the church to the issues of pandemic and that was reflected in responses. Here are examples of the comments that give a broad overview.

- funeral ministry –
 - “I am also beginning to feel that funerals are a very rewarding after the initial nervousness on being thrown in at the deep end.”
 - Although emotionally draining it is humbling to be with people at their most vulnerable
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- Readers lead or assist at a wide range of services that include school assemblies, Open the Book and funerals along with the range of traditional church services.
 - *I enjoy putting together non-HC services – following themes, seeking new ways of expression*
 - leading reserved communion service in local care home (not possible since 5th March
- They work in their local communities supporting those in crisis in a number of ways.
 - being sought out – usually unexpectedly – usually on Biblical understanding/unburdening
- leading services and preaching
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- They take communion to the housebound or those in care homes or just visit to listen. “pastoral especially home communion”
- Supporting their incumbents as part of a ministry team.
- Being able to minister in different churches and across denominations. “being able to lead worship in different churches, including Methodist Chapels”
 - my involvement with services in the Cornish language
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- Lead Bible Studies, home groups or discussion groups.
 - Working on sermons in order to help people become more familiar with the Bible, aiming at them leaving a service feeling happier and loved by God.
 - working with families
 - Christian Friendship
 - preaching and supporting others with listening
 - I then led an 8 week course. Since then I and others have lead – on an almost weekly basis Bible Studies – initially face to face but more recently on Zoom. It is essential that people are disciplined. There needs to be more of this.
 - Leading House groups and also praying with individuals
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- in recent times due to the Pandemic and my age I have enjoyed daily morning prayer services via Zoom.
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- Taking part and in many cases being the driving force behind church initiatives and activities, many of them missional.
 - planning group for the Anchorage Dispersed New Monastic community in the Penwith Deanery
 - I also very much enjoyed helping to plan and take part in a Lend Day, on the theme of Living Water, held at Degibna Prayer Chapel. I led a session on Water in the Bible.
 - being given the privilege of being a Worship Leader at Wisdom Worship after Wisdom in the Community meal and Gospel study/discussions. I play the piano. It has been a thrill to see how the Holy Spirit has blessed everyone. We so look forward to singing again after covid!!!!!!!!!!
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- Chaplaincy in a variety of organisations from Air Cadets to the Fire Service.
 - RAF and Air Cadets;
 - Devon & Cornwall Police;
 - motor cycle club
- Through writing for their parish magazines.
- “my work with the local school and my work as a spiritual director”
- I am still Churchwarden, the only Warden, so I have not been asked to do much up front and Sunday worship.

When asked if they had any concerns the replies were varied and anonymised responses appear below but common themes is lack of understanding by clergy of reader ministry, the restrictions of the pandemic and the problems caused by transition.

- With the use of Zoom services throughout the cluster, the schools are not ready as far as I can see into the future to receive Open the Book teams – I am concerned that my ministry will not be required other than as a pastoral minister. I still have much to offer but need to find a role in the new normal!
- very little has been done this year up until March 30th I was involved in various services in church and messy church in school; care home
- only my severe restrictions to ministry during lock-down
- I feel that I don't have the support of the incumbent – am not included in any planning nor have been included in the Zoom services that have been held during and since Lockdown. I feel that the parish is side-lined in favour of one other parish in the group.
- lack of any real appreciation of what the older generation have to offer
- I realise that the sudden involvement in funerals was unavoidable when the lockdown occurred and only Rev'd xxxxx and I were able to officiate in the Deanery, but after the initial worries, I am comfortable with providing this ministry and am thankful that I am now able to minister to grieving families.
- I think all Readers should be made Deacons if they so desire
- Communion by Extension
- not a concern but less input this year as we have 2 curates in training which is great news and I am happy to support them.
- concerns over all that Reader Ministry can be too inwardly focused (and less on mission/outreach) and too much of that activity built around retirees and part-time workers. I would also like to see more diversity in Readers (age/work/retired/class/BANE etc) as this would help engage with more widely with society.
- only that the Ministerial Details section of this form allows no opportunity to state how much of a Reader's ministry is carried out in churches outside one's own benefice

- post Covid services being conducted within the team are the same as they were before, perhaps naively, I thought that reciting the same services over and over again would change.
- I am still shielding and unable to return to churchgoing as yet. This is under review but unlikely to change for some as I am in the extremely clinically vulnerable group
- about to go into 'transition'!!
- Only the usual - hoping that one day Clergy and Readers might find ways to communicate more effectively. In my experience, aside from one very notable and positive exception, there has always been a wide gap!
- support during and immediately following transition would be most welcome
- getting back to almost normal if ever
- that online worship does not cease when services in church re-start
- Local Worship Leaders continue to be involved in church services for which they have received no training and not been licensed.
- we are about to go into a period of transition, all the clergy who are on our ministry team are over 70 some with serious health concerns as well. Obviously I am very limited in what I can offer to the team.
- The Bishop is aware of our problems I've been left in the middle to try to bridge needing reconciliation/healing
- none, but my safeguarding runs out in May
- at the moment I have withdrawn from public ministry due to caring for my wife
- the future of rural ministry
- I am now 71 and hope my Reader license will be renewed..... given these factors I have to be particularly careful not to put myself or my family at risk.
- Firstly the exclusion of Lay Ministers from what there is left of our ministry, by using lay worship leaders too much. Secondly, the church as we know it is dying, and we need to find and embrace a new way of finding faith, meeting and working together.
- Is it time to abolish the division between priests and everyone else, so that we might get some good people driving the church forward? We need good priests to lead, of course, but they need to be elected by people of this world rather than be chosen by people not often of this world. For example, a bishop is a manager of personnel as well as a leader: you don't need to be a priest to manage people. People management is a skill which can and should be divorced from preaching and living the Gospel. The church has got itself into serious trouble by protecting wrongdoers for the wrong reasons, and is no longer trusted. It needs a professional and independent approach from qualified Christian personnel.
- *Just to flag – a new assistant curate has joined the team [to be priested in September] he comes across as very confident and has already been telling me what to do and how to do it; my role will now need adjusting to [although present circumstances bring change anyway]. I have chatted with our Priest, but am unsettled by him. I was licensed as a Reader in 2001!*
- I continue to be concerned that clergy do not know how to use Readers and some think PTO Readers cannot do anything.
- My perennial concern that Reader ministry is undervalued and being diluted/emasculated by Central lay ministry initiatives. My case is perhaps best illustrated by all the recent changes to The Reader journal, including the change of title to Transforming Ministry. Would probably be better entitled Dumbing Down Ministry. All very demotivating and not my understanding of the distinctive ministry for which I was trained.
- we are currently in transition and due to lockdown we have no indication of when a priest will be appointed. We urgently need a decision from Deanery Syond.
- Wearing too many hats! As well as my role as a reader I am PCC secretary and jointly leading a herculean project of attempting to raise £500,000 to restore and repair the church. In a small congregation. All the many roles expected from a PCC and church members falls to a very small group, which is led by myself and 1 of the church wardens – even more so at the moment as we are in Transition and our lay vice chair often delights in being awkward and rude, and not doing a lot to help. But kindly pointing out anything he perceives to be wrong.

- Arrival of new vicar a year ago who now wants to do all funerals. A feeling that Readers are being side-lined and confined to being Vicar's worship helper rather than an integral part of the Leadership Team.
- Returning to 'normal' church without learning the lessons and growing/changing following the pandemic
- as in previous years – this year personally - no obvious system of enquiring pastoral support/mentor
- I have been saddened that communion has needed to be reduced, especially home communion
- concerns about children ministry or lack of it
- Lack of work with children. Maybe Messy Church to begin. What happens when I reach 70 in Jan2021

The range of Reader Ministry other than conducting worship on Sunday (*anonymised responses*)
3c) Tell us about your Reader Ministry other than conducting worship on Sunday – what have you recently to respond to ministry needs in the current time of pandemic

The huge range of tasks undertaken by readers indicates their value. Very few readers responded that they had not done anything due to Covid restrictions but reading through these anonymised comments shows the creative and valuable ways in which Readers have responded to need.

- Regular phone calls to parishioners who are alone and often self-isolating
- being in the over 70@s bracket I've been shielding since the outbreak of the pandemic. I've tried to keep in contact with the worshipping community by phone along with all I know to be vulnerable especially the Memory Café group and their carers.
- weekly assemblies in two primary schools; lead weekly house group; Girls Brigade
- On-line: morning prayer, evening prayer, Sunday morning live, on-line prayer
- I have done online reflections, lead an online service and regularly phoned older congregation members
- home group has stopped but I have a list of folk to contact via phone. I write a reflection and lead discussion at a Sunday Zoom service about one a month
- Associate Minister for Porthpean. Small group leader. Pastoral team member, Staff team member, PCC and Deanery Synod member. Dedication of Garden of Remembrance
- weekly Bible studies until March; assisting incumbent with communion in care home, pastoral visiting; playing in a band in church
- unable to fulfil full ministry but able to offer distant support by courtesy of technology
- considerably increased telephone support for vulnerable friends
- being part of a 24/7 prayer vigil; contacting members of the congregation by phone and or e-mail
- As we have been in total 'lockdown' due to my husband's condition, I have assisted the Vicar by doing some Sunday 'Thoughts.'
- As I am deaf and so cannot use the phone in the normal way, I have texted, emailed and posted letters to members of the congregation and members of other organisations to which I belong to let them know that they are not forgotten.
- I have enjoyed taking school services in church and visiting schools for assembly. I have become a school governor; I organised opening the church for private prayer from the end of June.

- I don't think I have continued during the lock-down since I have been in self-isolation. I have shared a zoom service most Sundays
- home communions; during the pandemic I have led intercessions in two pre-recorded services. I have kept contact with members of the congregation by telephone and/or e-mail.
- I have had weekly contact with members of the congregation who do not have internet access to keep them up to date with any changes – maybe 17 people
- our home Bible study which had a weekly membership of between 16 and 22 has gone online in the form of a blog. Working with what has been a strong ecumenical partnership I have preached at combined services and at groups in other churches.
- Offered morning and evening prayer in church once each week, then offered MP online after lockdown. Contributed readings and intercessions on several occasions for live Zoom services and recorded YouTube services. Ran bible study group in church from September to lockdown, then now running Alpha course online.
- Young folk – worked with school on Harvest festival in church, then went into school to make Christingles with the children, wrote and led the separate Christingle and Crib services (we in transition). Visited the youth group. Went into school weekly with new priest for a bit part in that week's drama in assembly.
- In lockdown, pastoral care phone call support to shielding folk from the congregation and village
- written prayers and a reflection or two for on-line use, partook in one online service, supported zoom evening prayer and Sunday Eucharist, supported the needs of another, kept up with meetings where possible.
- Health care assistant across three hospitals gives many opportunities to share and minister; County Chaplain for Royal British Legion
- mostly involvement in midweek Zoom services.
- continued participation on the Board of the homeless charity (Emmaus Cornwall).
- Chairing the Board of a UK wide healing ministry.
- mornings prayer 3 days in parish church; 27 since lockdown
- leading Home Group (on zoom recently) Chair Worship Group that looks at services.
- A long side others in the church I am helping lead online zoom meetings. We also started midweek meetings in Thy Kingdom Come week and these have continued. I am engaged in external ministries including Christians -in-Science and SAT7. For SAT7 I have engaged in online meetings with Christians from the Middle East and North Africa and have recently become a formal ambassador in this ministry.
- helped people set up Zoom on their computers. Phoned congregation members at home weekly.
- before covid: OTB, Messy Church, Meditation Group. Spiritual Direction.
- During Covid: as I am shielding I have been a telephone contact and have been contacted
- I have been maintaining contact by telephone
- I have helped set up and run two e-mail Circles. These are circulated weekly, and contain short sermons by the Vicars, together with written intercessions that people can use, details of Bible readings, and other items of news or of interest. I contribute a Hymn of the Week to both circles. I choose a hymn write a paragraph about it, provide a link to a performance on You Tube, and include the words.
- during 2019 I led a regular Bible Study group. I have not undertaken any ministerial work since the start of the pandemic

- I run a Ladies Luncheon Club for widows and ladies on their own. Have kept in touch by writing them letters containing a bar of chocolate as a treat
- I have posted services and sermons onto the Facebook page and been involved in Zoom services. We have begun an online Bible study mid-week
- I have contributed to weekly email church circle communications to people in the 2 benefices I belong, writing intercessions and the occasional reflection. I have kept in touch with church family members and liaised with vicars and church wardens by phone and e-mail.
- phone calls especially to folk not on email. In ordinary times Church & Youth work (OtB, KitsKlub, Youth Club, Holiday Club, Messy Church, Experience days) and lead Women Hour (older ladies).
- I have phoned vulnerable members of the congregation regularly and frequently to check they are safe and well, and hopefully given them time to listen and to share their feelings and experiences so I could help where possible.
- Despite feeling uncomfortable and ill at ease using virtual contact rather than socially interacting directly with people, I have read the Gospel for an online service and preached for another.
- I have also organised church cleaning (doing this myself with a team), carrying out risk assessments and drawing up rotas to ensure the church is a safe and stewarded place for private prayer.
- the challenge of doing church differently, including drive-in service. Planning the return to worship so that all are included. Pastoral and out-reach ministry through a variety of means
- Tried to visit, phone. Also with Roger the organist send a weekly newsletter to over 70 people
- Since lockdown I haven't done anything apart from Team meetings via zoom, one funeral address (read by someone else) and some pastoral phone calls
- Run a Drop in Café for the community. Write and deliver a cluster teaching course jointly. Run weekly prayer meeting to pray for the parish – via zoom during pandemic. Recorded two talks for our weekly cluster podcast (included in preaching above). Serve a PCC lay chair and on the transition team
- chatted to congregation in the village checked upon people, delivered food
- I have produced YouTube video services on 3 occasions
- kept in touch with church members and friends by phone and e-mail and prayer (am in vulnerable group)
- since 23rd March I have been shielding and my ministry has been limited to preparing services in the Cornish language for Zoom and compiling a database of Cornish services
- doorstep visiting keeping social distancing, phoning, mailing and Zooming
- continue to support those with regular contact
- telephone ministry - ringing round church members regularly, especially those living alone for encouragement, information sharing and support
- I organise the service rota and am journal tutor to two Readers in Training. I am a sounding board for many in the church. I host a Bible study group (in normal times)
- taken part in video services (much of my time in lockdown has been spent at the Food Bank)
- Discipleship training – on line via Zoom. Participated with others in on line reflections. Contributed to on line worship on Sunday
- I was chair of Truro Foodbank until 30 April 2020 and continue as a trustee, safeguarding lead and publishing quarterly Newsletter. Have had to self isolate since end of March due to my age. During lockdown have been praying especially for single people in our church and using Zoom to hold our weekly Home group meetings, three of which I have led.

- I have kept in phone contact with our volunteers, provided junior church videos online and lead all age worship on you tube
- read a lesson which was video taped and included in an online service
- I now have a broken back and my ministry was very limited until the pain was under control. I now need a wheelchair as I cannot stand or walk for any length of time. During the pandemic I wrote thoughts for the day for our web site, took part in pre-recorded services, as participant (responses) and preaching. I have two people who I regularly telephone.
- last year introducing a more accessible service called 'Morning Praise' one a month . and praying
- Messy Church in a Bag – set up with Messy Church BRF came from a midnight lightbulb moment now global! Messy Church Zoom Producing a daily prayer and Sunday morning prayer leaflet for those not on the internet and distributing them together with mothering Sunday flowers that first lockdown weekend. Numerous emails and phone calls Trained up quick the week before lockdown in taking funerals as our clergy were home isolating on health grounds.3 graveside funerals taken. Volunteer food deliverer for parish council (from contact to our church for help) Emergency support on the ground, I am not self isolating so have been able to visit from shouting distance those having problems or those people were concerned about. Delivered, posted book marks etc with words of comfort. Able to attend professional development webinars : two on taking funerals, preaching, Instagram all by Truro Diocese or Church of England
- I have helped to set up a Community Pantry at church; supervised opening of the church 2 hours for private prayer each week; regular pastoral phone calls to parishioners; Sunday morning prayer via Zoom; Home Group via Zoom; helped to deliver food to vulnerable and shielding people with Foodbank Group
- at 77 years of age I have been self-isolating therefore no opportunity
- we desperately need to get a signal and enhance technology. I would like to see I pads for the elderly and zooming so if they feel unwell don't necessary have to get to church and for those who don't attend church but zoom.
- providing intercessions for on-line services. Zoom Staff meetings and some bible study on-line. Caring for my wife who has been shielding
- telephoning, e-mail congregation; on-line readings etc. helped with Zoom services
- street pastors, Open the book but not during Lockdown
- I write a weekly article and a prayer (about 2,500 words) on the Lectionary readings. It's not a sermon or a commentary. More a teaching and learning piece to promote grater thought and understanding for our congregations during this difficult time. I also write a monthly article for our Custer Magazine of around 800 words on a faith topic of interest.
- offering help and support to fellow church goes and neighbours
- leading weekly zoom series and online chaplaincy at Callywith College
- I have been in lockdown since March. I have really enjoyed our daily 8 an service via zoom and participate in various aspects of the service. I also often celebrate Compline in the evening together with Bible study
- phoning people; leading zoom prayer meetings; attending zoom leadership team meetings
- Leading Bible Study. Supporting members of the congregation. Encouragement of other gifts. .I've given my sermon online during the pandemic
- preparing 13 Thoughts for the Day which were in effect sermons, which were emailed around, and encouraged interest.
- *Before covid – Open the Book – we are now exploring filming sessions for the school*

- *We have produced weekly services and reflections posted / emailed out*
- *Sue Wilcox and I have done a few YouTube presentations [a steep learning curve]*
- *Lots of phoning round to congregation members, offering assistance generally, getting involved in village activities, keeping regular contact with the Priest, being on her own could have become lonely within her work*
- weekly prayer meeting and weekly services (esp via Zoom). Open the Book and school assemblies
- increased my Bible Study and prayed a great deal
- I was leading a Lent group and taking part in Open the Book presentations before lockdown.
- I provided messy church activities
- From January I became Chair of the PCC.
- I have taken a small part in online services, prayed daily for people in the parish and beyond
- and kept in touch with people by text, phone and email. I have also spoken to several members of the congregation while delivering prescriptions to outlying farms and villages.
- I have assisted in leading an online Alpha Course.
- I have dealt with the risk assessments for two churches and assisted in making arrangements for reopening the two churches.
- I have attended several webinars and set up online giving for the church, becoming an editor of our A Church Near You pages.
- I have written for the Cluster Website Shout section, particularly sharing from the Retreat at Hilfield led by Rev Jane Horton.
- I am thrilled to have the privilege of helping to build our New Monastic Community in Penzance.
- Exploring Labyrinths in Worship using the Labyrinth at St Pol de Leon and Ceramic Finger Labyrinths made by my wife has been very special. To lead our New Monastic Group on a Labyrinth journey was a privilege.
- The exploration of Celtic Christianity is brilliant and a very new journey for me! Ebb and Flow, Day by Day in His Presence by my old friend and colleague, the late Revd Julyan Drew, with daily Celtic prayers and meditations has been an incredible blessing.
- kept in touch with church members by phone and mailing notices and homilies to those without internet. Taken part in zoom Morning Prayer and Sunday Worship
- Myself and the churchwarden set up a Zoom Sunday worship, which has attracted 6-9 worshipers weekly (avg. church attendance is 12).
- Tuesday prayer group – transferred to a Zoom meeting.
- I have been sending a weekly ‘musings’ letter by e mail and 6 by post along with the cluster news letter and P mag. This goes to the immediate congregation and those connected to the church in any way. I have had very positive feed back from this that it has been greatly appreciated.
- I have been making telephone calls to parishioners mostly the vulnerable and shielding folk. Checking people are ok and that they feel supported and know they are being prayed for.
- I set up a weekly cluster coffee and chat Zoom meeting, predominantly for movers and shakers within the cluster.
- Additional face book posts to keep people informed.
- communication with the community magazine editor and updates put in that publication (not church)
- Continued with funding applications, so that the church will remain open in the future.
- Continued with conversations with the architect re – building project.

- Cancelled and re started building works and grass cutting.
- Updates to PCC and getting consent to do things where necessary.
- Fund raising – on line - due to all our plans being cancelled. Persuading others to fund raise.
- Reminding the congregation to keep financially giving as they would normally do.
- Set up daily Zoom services to supplement the three the vicar proposed, involving lonely individuals. Printed out and distributed service leaflets for non-email people so they could join in on their own daily services .Sourced Thy Kingdom Come material and distributed. Weekly phone service to three elderly isolating lonely households. Newsheet printed and distributed with info on all phone, TV, Diocesan services available to noncomputer people
- Supporting others (eg in warden accommodation for the elderly) and friends/family
- I have phoned around the congregation each week to check they are ok and to keep in touch, able to inform them of the on-line services of the Team Ministry. I have spoken to the parishioners I see while out riding my horse around the area and village. I have helped with the on-line services and daily reflections provided by the Team Ministry; I have put up weekly prayers on the church and village notice boards throughout lock down.
- Led Zoom morning prayer and attended daily in a pastoral capacity. Hosted a weekly chaplains Monday group
- leading daily Zoom compline services (as part of a rota of three). Taken 2 funerals (1 graveside, 1 crematorium) whilst Vicar and non stipendiary priest in isolation
- Outside of Reader Ministry, assisted with internet services; help set up patterns of worship after lockdown. Part of 24/7 prayer vigil. Supporting Morning and evening prayer on Zoom Alternative music
- attended lots on Zoom (including Festival of Homiletics & Dwelling in the Word, both in USA and College of Preachers 'Preaching minor offices', Cyber Awareness Training)
- being on the shelf – age & medication – this is the first be to be asked.
- our newly created benefice has allowed many more services to take place via zoom. I have participated as much as possible and led a service every week via zoom. This has paradoxically allowed much more fact to face contact than before lock down.
- I have not enjoyed the privilege of being asked to take part in any worship on a Sunday for what seems like a very long time.

if you felt in need of support with a personal or ministry issue who would you contact:

It was good to see that only a couple of responders were not sure they had anyone to talk to.

Although it was dependent on the issue or the problem the majority of Readers would speak to their incumbent but the chaplain or their spiritual director were also mentioned by a god number. A variety of other help and support was also used dependent on issue from Carrie to another reader and from spouses to God!

3e) Do you have any comments to make on Annual Reader Day and suggestions for future events

- to date its been a good way to celebrate Reader Ministry
- feedback and suggestions to help plan future days
- the lunch was always enjoyable and a better chance to catch up with everyone
- should I be working, would there be access to view a filmed version?

- it has become less and less of interest but there is the chance of meet Readers from other Deaneries.
- first class with walk in 2019
- I have generally found them helpful – enjoyed the one with the walk as it gave time for a chat and net working.
- those who have organised this event in the past have done a remarkable job
- I have not attended this event so can't comment
- Missed having it this year!
- really missed this. Hope that it will be able to go ahead in the future
- half day sufficient
- due to my disability I am unable to attend the Annual Reader Day as it is too far for me to drive to
- I love the opportunity to meet with other Readers/LLMs. Perhaps the next one could focus on training and how we train ourselves.
- Could Deanery Reader/LLM groups be set up to help each other – tea and cake, or wine and crisps! But on Zoom for now
- Could new Readers/LLM be linked with an experienced Reader/LLM – buddy system also for thos coming from a different diocese.
- none made it would be good to mention and pray for those in training in the service.
- no retiring – very few duties in this period due to health problems
- sadly, I will not be attending during lock down for medical reasons
- I found the Readers Day invaluable and more than satisfactory
- might there be room to hear from individual Readers with personal testimonies?
- Annual Reader Day seems to be particularly doubtful given the Pandemic
- none made
- some form of additional 'training; or resourcing. We have 3 years of training and are then let loose. Additional training and support would be good.
- none that I can think of.
- *I wonder if a whole day is too much for some – perhaps esp a Saturday if preparations need to be made for Sunday and there are household commitments too – my feeling was that several folk left after the pasty – might two half days, one spring, one late summer be considered?*
- there is a certain weariness about them – or that may just be me
- prefer simple 'old fashioned' lectures by experts in their field – without 'breakout groups, workshops or other 'filler' activities, especially talking to the person sitting next to me. The value is in listening to the experts.
- I have not been able to attend Annual Reader Day in Truro Diocese due to work commitments
- it was a great pleasure to share in the Annual Readers Day.....Thank you
- I think Reader Day could be more visitor/supporter friendly by being briefer and making communion more voluntary for visitors rather than the done thing. It would be good sometime to have an evangelistic address for the benefit of visitors/supporters from someone like Canon J John
- always worth while attending. Lord forward to 2021 (hopefully)
- sorry that it was cancelled but look forward to next year's event.
- it would be good to liaise with CMD programme coordinator in Church House
- in the past I have been unable to attend due to clash with family craft morning.

3f) Do you have any comments to make on the Service to Celebrate Reader Ministry – would you attend a ZOOM meeting instead of the live service in the Cathedral which currently cannot go ahead:

About three quarters of those responding would attend a ZOOM service although some would certainly do so reluctantly feeling that it was better than nothing. Others felt that it was a good opportunity to engage in something different. About a quarter would not participate in an online service.

3g) Chaplain's Blog: suggest one thing you would like to see on the blog/chaplain's website:

- I'm very grateful for all the Chaplain posts.
- can't think of anything- it is always an interesting and stimulating read – thank you Jim
- thank you and I hope you are well.
- Jim does a fantastic job and there is nothing I would add/change. His Monday Zoom gathering is something I look forward to when I am able.
- I rarely read it.
- I enjoy what is there and find it encouraging
- I will give this some thought! As a trainee Reader, I've found it useful to dip into the blog, to get a feel for some of the issues that Readers have to engage with. I like the idea of trying to bring Readers together as a community.
- don't read it
- each Reader to contribute an article/sermon outline etc. on a rota basis
- ok as it is. Thanks.
- I haven't had the time and space to engage with this as yet but will do so in the future.
- a section on spirituality and discipleship
- prayers
- I think it is all there
- I am highly satisfied with it is in its current content and format
- topical prayers
- a debate between people of contrasting views to stimulate thought etc
- can't think of anything. I always find the blog both helpful and thought provoking
- Big fan of page. I have attended the Readers Weekly Monday Zoom which I could not have done in person as work. Was on Furlough until made redundant. Patiently praying about opportunities for employment in September
- its brilliant at the moment haven't got round to joining in again poor signal but will keep trying.
- I speak to Jim regularly and enjoy the variety of his website
- I personally find the content and presentation easy to follow and very informative
- a thought for the day would be good or a subject to reflect
- I send my Thoughts for the Day to Jim. It's fine. Don't state the obvious, and don't make it too big otherwise people will not bother to read it.
- very happy with the blog as it is – very varied!
- maybe monthly rather than weekly??
- fine as it is
- the website is comprehensive; it is difficult to think of anything to add but maybe some craft activities for family services linked to the readings each week. This is a big ask and can be found elsewhere with searching. In any event it could not be useful in a Covid secure service.
- Congratulations to Jim for all his hard work and dedication. Thank you Carrie for ALL your hard work and support!
- nothing more – very very good.
- other people writing for it

- Not familiar enough of Blog to make comment especially in recent months. I am inundated with online communication and cant follow all. No disrespect intended here. I realise that much effort goes into the Blog and when I do read them I usually find something of interest.
- given its attractive and expanding content and range, find comment superfluous
- I enjoy it as it is; very varied and creative