



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

As you know Carrier Tucker, who has been Secretary to the Readers for many years, is standing down from her post. She has done an outstanding job on all of our behalf and will be much missed. We will have a chance to thank her publicly at the Readers Day on 15 May, and I look forward to that.

Her departure has given us an opportunity to review the role. We have done that to make sure the right areas are being covered, to ensure that the role is manageable and in light of crucial changes to safeguarding that are taking place.

As a result of this work, we have significantly re-shaped the role, including by separating it into three component parts; Licensed Lay Ministry Administrator, Licensed Lay Ministry Minute Secretary and Events Organiser. We have taken out any responsibility for licensing and for the formal work on safeguarding, both of which Carrie has been doing. Those will now be done in Lis Escop and Church House respectively. A full role description is attached with this letter.

The role is essential to the smooth administration and running of the Reader community across the Diocese and we are now looking for someone to take it up. It could be done by one person as a single role, as has been done until now, but it could equally well be separated into two or three parts.

I therefore invite you to consider carefully and prayerfully whether you might be called to take up one or more parts of the role. If you would like to explore the role(s) and to find out more, please contact Jim Seth, Chaplain to the Readers at <u>seth.jim@gmail.com</u>. He will be happy to answer any questions or to make a time to discuss it with you.

The ministry that you all carry in and beyond your church communities depends on efficient background organisation. This appointment is a crucial part of that work and is essential to the ongoing health and fruitfulness of Reader ministry in Truro Diocese. I hope you will consider whether you might have the skills and gifts that we are all looking for.

God bless

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