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**DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS**

**APPLICATION FORM**

[to be completed by all those seeking to attend a

Reader Selection for Training Conference]

**Thank you for enquiring about becoming a Reader.**

**So that your application may receive further consideration would you please complete this form electronically. It can be downloaded from:**

[**https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/clergy-readers/readerministry/reader-selection/**](https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/clergy-readers/readerministry/reader-selection/)

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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** |  |
| **Archdeaconry:** |  |

**Please ensure your name is on the top of each page. Once the form is complete and you have gathered the necessary evidence, please send everything to your Archdeaconry Warden of Readers:**

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| Bath Archdeaconry Warden  Mrs Mary Dolman  mary.dolman@bathwells.anglican.org | Wells Archdeaconry Warden  Mr Chris Stock  chris.stock@bathwells.anglican.org | Taunton Archdeaconry Warden  Mr Martin Valuks  martin.valuks@bathwells.anglican.org |

**Name:**

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| **Date of Birth** |  |
| **Date of Baptism\*** |  |
| **Date of Confirmation\*** |  |
| **Parish in which you live** |  |
| **Parish in which you worship** |  |
| **Parish or Benefice in which you wish to serve** |  |

**\*You will need to provide evidence of your baptism and confirmation. If this is a problem, talk with your Archdeaconry Warden.**

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| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Home Telephone No** |  |
| **Mobile Telephone No** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |

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| **Marital Status** |  |
| **Name of Partner**  **[If appropriate]** |  |
| **Names and Ages of Children**  **[if any]** |  |

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| **Disabilities: If you have any disabilities please describe 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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| **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’** |

**Name:**

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| **Occupation** | |  | |
| **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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| **Community Involvement** | |
| **Dates**  **From To** | **Activities / Community Organisations and roles you have undertaken** |
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**Name:**

**Education and Qualifications**

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| **Secondary Education (name your highest secondary attainment)** | | | | |
| **Dates** | **Place of Education** | | **Highest Exams Taken e.g. GCE’s, GCSE’s, HNC, etc**  **Please indicate subjects and grades if possible** | |
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| **Higher Education (Give details of any higher education)** | | | | |
| **Dates** | **University** | | **Subjects and Grade** | |
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| **Professional Qualifications** | | | | |
| **Dates** | **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**  **[Including any degrees not recorded above]** | | | | |
| **Date** | | **Organising Body** | | **Course** |
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**Name:**

**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:** |

**Name:**

**References**

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| **Three references are needed.** 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, this should NOT be your incumbent. Your second referee must know you in a non-church context and is not a member of the church you worship in. The third referee is your incumbent and he has a special form to complete **It is your responsibility to obtain the references email or post them to the Warden. The forms can be downloaded from the website.** | | |
| **Name [including title]** | **Address [including postcode]** | **Email Address** |
| **Church Referee** |  |  |
| **Non Church Referee** |  |  |

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

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| **Document** | **Yes** |
| **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]**  **2 Passport Sized Photographs. Please attach JPGS if possible**  **Fully completed Application Form with Faith Story** | **……**  **……**  **……**  **……**  **……**  **……** |

**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.** | |
| **Name** | **Date** |

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| **Please provide below [no longer than 2 pages] a summary of your ‘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 in the light of the selection criteria and the three priorities for Reader Ministry** * **your prayer life** * **your involvement in and experience of church life** * **any matter not covered by this form of which you would like us to be aware** |

**Name:**