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Programming our SatNav

What do we need in respect of support, resources & challenge for our journey as Readers in this Diocese?

- Finance: expenses, standardisation within the diocese, help for ‘poorer’ parishes
- Meetings: deanery with sub-warden, chapter (on equal footing) regular meetings of Readers
- Training: continuing opportunities within & outside deanery, diocese. Specific training for the ‘job’ eg Biblical studies, communications
- Mentoring, spiritual guidance. Can this be made available as a matter of course?
- Reinforcement of identity, boosting confidence of Readers
- Clarity of title – ‘Lay’ put back but can we have ‘Minister’ as well?

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- Library?
- Diocesan Conferences open to both clergy and Readers
- Communications (see later) eg sharing good book titles and other sources

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- Encouragement to come out of ‘comfort zones’
- Embracing change
- ‘Mature’ Readers including PTOs need help to keep the flame from dimming
- Invitations to lead in other churches (in the deanery?)

What commitments do we need to make; what do we need the diocese to do; about what and with whom do we need straight – talking?

- Recognition of the Reader role
- Provide the support mentioned earlier (eg mentoring system,)
- Clear lines of communication coherent across the diocese

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- to understanding and communicating Ministry for Mission
- to take responsibility for our own ministry agreements
- to enter into dialogue and sharing experience and expertise

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- Clarify role of Readers
- Straight-talking between Incumbents, Area Deans, Archdeacons
- Clergy and Readers have differing qualities of relationship in some parishes (some positive and some less so). How would the Bishop resolve this?

How can we be engaged with society and community as well as the church?

- What happens to Parish Assessments?
- Create effective pastoral teams
- Moving into the community: go where *they* are, not come to us, chaplaincy
- Involvement with media (local radio)
- Involvement in service and preaching on issues (global, social)
- Interfaith, ecumenical connections

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