

## READER MINISTRY

A Reader is a lay person who is called to a ministry in the church which is normally voluntary, nationally accredited, episcopally licensed and governed by Canon. Readers are primarily called to exercise a preaching and teaching ministry in the church and to be a theological resource. Readers are licensed to lead the Ministry of the Word in worship and may be involved in educational and pastoral work, evangelism and other forms of lay leadership.

Readers are permitted to undertake the following liturgical duties:

- a) to read Morning and Evening Prayer (omitting the absolution)
- b) to read the Scriptures
- c) to preach
- d) to receive and present the offerings of the people
- e) to distribute the Holy Sacrament to the people
- f) to publish banns of marriage in certain circumstances
- g) to officiate at funeral services subject to certain conditions

Readers are permitted to undertake the following pastoral duties:

- a) to visit the sick and read and pray with them
- b) to teach in Sunday School
- c) to catechise
- d) to assist the minister in undertaking pastoral and educational work as the Bishop directs.