



THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

Reader Ministry



Information for Candidates, Referees & Nominating Clergy

Ministry in the Church of England

Candidates must be baptised and confirmed and regular communicants of the Church of England who are familiar with its traditions and practices. They must complete the necessary disclosure statement in connection with the House of Bishops' Policy on Child Protection before undergoing the diocesan selection procedure.

Vocation

Candidates should be able to speak of their own sense of vocation to ministry and mission, referring both to personal conviction and to the extent to which others have confirmed it. Their sense of vocation should be obedient, realistic and informed.

Faith

Candidates should show an understanding of the Christian faith and a desire to deepen that understanding. They should demonstrate personal commitment to Christ and a capacity to communicate the Gospel.

Spirituality and worship

Candidates should show evidence of commitment to a spiritual discipline which involves individual and corporate prayer and worship. Their spiritual practice should be such as to sustain and energise them in their daily lives.

Personality and character

Candidates should be sufficiently mature and stable to show that they can sustain the demanding role of a minister and to face change and pressure in a flexible and balanced way. They should be seen to be people of integrity.

Relationships

Candidates should demonstrate self-awareness and self-acceptance as a basis for developing open and healthy personal and pastoral relationships as ministers.

Potential for training

Candidates should be capable of undertaking satisfactorily a course of study and ministerial preparation with an open and enquiring mind.

Leadership and collaboration

Candidates should show the potential to offer wise leadership in the Church community and to some extent beyond it. They should also show ability and willingness to co-operate with other ministers and to work as team members as well as leaders.