



The United Benefice of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill

Role Description – Reader

Responsible to:

To Reader rota organiser and through them to the Rector

Person specification:

- To be a person of integrity who seeks to serve in a gracious, Christ-like manner and who treats each member of the Parish with respect and dignity
- To support the ministry and mission of the Church through their work
- To uphold the Vision and Values of the Church and support the Rector through prayer and a positive attitude
- To be present, available and reliable
- To maintain confidentiality and share any concerns with the Rector

Key roles and responsibilities:

- To check the service schedule (which is displayed in church) and familiarise themselves with the relevant bible passage in advance of the service
- To read the reading from the bible (large print copies are available)
- To read slowly and clearly
- To use the microphone for those people who rely on the hearing loop
- To finish the reading by saying 'This is the word of the Lord' and leading people in the response 'Thanks be to God'

Safeguarding:

- To read and adhere to all aspects of the Benefice Safeguarding Policy
- To complete a Parish Form, providing 2 references, and a Confidential Declaration Form before commencing the role.
- To undertake an enhanced DBS check if required.
- To complete online C0 and C1 basic safeguarding training

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