



**GOVERNING BODY OF LINCOLN READERS**  
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**Minutes of the 238th meeting of the Governing Body of the Association held at  
The Methodist Church, Horncastle on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.00 pm**

Item:	Subject:	Actions:
1	<p><b>Opening Prayers:</b> - led by Reverend Lorna Brabin-Smith, Lincoln Area.</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b> The Chairman welcomed all in attendance</p> <p><b>Present:</b> Sally Buck, Warden of Readers; Nigel Bacon, Chairman; Sue Slater, John Marshall; Margaret Smith; Marion Hewis; Derek Page; Lorna Brabin-Smith and Shirley Keyes (taking minutes)</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b> Revd Chris Woadden and Kevin Onn.</p> <p>There were no appointments or resignations to record.</p>	
3	<p><b>The Minutes of the 237th Meeting of the Governing Body</b> held on 16<sup>th</sup> May were approved and accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
5	<p><b>Strategic Review</b></p>	
5.1	<p>NB and SB were part of a working party including +Nicholas who attended the Strategy Workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup> July chaired by David Dadswell. Five members will be meeting tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> October, for the first of two follow up sessions.</p> <p>NB said that he would give an indication at this year's AGM of the direction of the review. It would be wise to get endorsement to continue from Readers. He was hopeful that a strategy would be in place for approval at the 2019 AGM. However, the Reader strategic review is only part of the whole review of lay ministry. It was agreed that the group should look at best practice in other dioceses, where Reader ministry is thriving, and to engage the support of Ruth Haldane, the Reader Training Project Manager, CRC.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the survey for the 2018 Reader Returns would be refined and a breakdown by area should be made possible.</p>	

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Future Governing Body meetings - **prayers to be led by:**

	Horncastle/Bolingbroke	January 2019
	Holland Area	May 2019
	West Lindsey/Scunthorpe	October 2019

Signed:

**Chairman** Date: