

Statement from Dr Peter Clough

I am privileged to be licensed as a Reader in two dioceses, Canterbury and Norwich, and therefore serve in two lively benefices, both rural or 'urban fringe'. My ministry is dominantly teaching, with 35-40 sermons/year, plus autumn and Lent courses. My entire career was spent in education, as a university academic, school teacher and college vice principal, but latterly as a civil servant at the Department for Education, where I was responsible for national school improvement strategies. I am absolutely committed to promoting lifelong learning, and believe that through prayer and study each of us can learn something new about God every day. I have published extensively in academic journals and popular magazines. I currently serve as Reviews Editor of *The Reader*, and produce the book pages for each issue. As a current member of the editorial working group, I work constructively with our editor, Richenda Milton-Daws, and always aim to take a team approach to editorial decisions. I had not thought to seek the trusteeship post until invited by the Vice Chair; but after prayer and careful consideration, now believe it may be a call to serve in a new phase of Reader ministry.