

"Both as a tutor with a disability and as director of studies for a Deaf student I have always found the course staff willing to be creative and flexible to ensure full access to the course"

Revd Dr Hannah Lewis,
Liverpool Diocese Deaf team and course tutor.

The final word goes to Izzy Schafer, Reader and final year Ordinand

"As a wheelchair user I have to say I had some misgivings before starting the course. However, I have found staff and students very supportive and understanding and always ready to help with any difficulties. The venues for teaching nights and also for weekend teaching have all been accessible so I have felt independent. I would encourage anyone with a disability who feels called to Readership or Ordination not to be put off by disability issues but simply to follow God's call."



Access for all



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**Creative part-time training for Ordained and Reader
Ministry**

Disability Access

All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry works to ensure no member of its community – student and tutors – is disadvantaged because of a disability.

This leaflet shows some of the ways the course has helped past and present students with a variety of disabilities to access the course.

"I'm in my final year and I've found All Saints staff very supportive all through my training and continue to do so this year"

Deaf Reader in training



Disabled Students Allowance (DSA)

This government funded allowance is available to most students with a wide variety of disabilities studying for the foundation degree as long as they complete it in 4 years or less. More information on DSA can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/dsas

"I have found that the Course staff have done their best to help our deaf student feel included using different ways to address her particular needs."

Rev Phil Edwards,
Reader training officer, Manchester Diocese.

What has been provided so far?

- All teaching venues wheelchair accessible
- All course handbooks, handouts and so on available online and useable by screen readers
- Specialist laptop and software provided for student with dyslexia (via DSA)
- Language tutors and other support for preparing assignments for student with dyslexia and BSL user with English as second language (via DSA and others)
- BSL interpreters (via DSA)
- Lipspeaker for deaf student who lipreads
- Notetakers for deaf students (using friends or funded via DSA)

