

# Read My Lips!



## Lip Reading Course Englefield Green

Part of the Diocese of Guildford Hear Here! Project

Do you need to ask people to repeat what they say, turn up volume on the TV or find it difficult to follow conversations in a group situation? Learning to lip-read may help.

Lip-reading is a vital communication skill for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and can help tackle isolation. It is widely recognised that lip-reading can help people of all ages, with any degree of hearing loss, to communicate better.

Although you cannot learn to lip-read everything, classes will give you the tools and awareness to develop your skills. They will improve your confidence and are a great way to do something positive and practical about your hearing loss.

### **What are lip-reading classes like?**

Lip-reading classes are very informal and friendly and are taught by a qualified teacher of lip-reading to adults. You can go at your own pace and your teacher will encourage you to have a laugh and relax. Activities include everyday situations, discussions, finger spelling, quizzes and structured teaching.

Your teacher will demonstrate the different shapes that sounds make on the lips so that you can identify them. They will also explain how to fill in the gaps of speech that you can't hear and how to use clues from the context of the conversation.

Most classes will also cover other communication tactics that support lip-reading and encourage you to manage your hearing loss effectively. For example, the best place to position yourself in a group.

## **Course Leader**

Jill Rose, ATLA qualified Lip Reading Teacher

## **When**

Thursday afternoons, 2 – 4pm:

29<sup>th</sup> September – 8<sup>th</sup> December (half term 27<sup>th</sup> October)

## **Where**

The John Monsell Room, St Jude's Church, St Jude's Road, Englefield Green TW20 0BZ

## **Cost**

Classes are £5 per session, payable termly in advance. The first class is a taster session and will be free.

Classes are limited to 10 people, completion of a booking form is required.

## **Contact for bookings**

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