

Readers and Prayers

- Readings are normally taken from the Good News Bible.
If you decide to use a different version, please let Mary Wilson know which version you have chosen as she needs to prepare the screen script on the preceding Wednesday morning and possibly add the text to the Newsletter.
- *Find your Reading* in the lectern Bible before the service; mark it with one of the bookmarks.
- There is often a hymn immediately before a Reading or the Prayers. **Move to the lectern during the last verse of the hymn so that you are in place to begin the reading soon after the hymn finishes.** It will also give you time to
- *Move the microphone* to the correct angle before you begin to read so that you are speaking directly into it – **but not too close.** (You can't break it ... and it won't bite!)
- Even using the microphone you will need to speak up. **Don't drop the level of your voice, particularly at the end of a sentence.**
- If you are a Reader, please remember to *prepare a short introduction* to your reading; two or three sentences are sufficient.
- *Take your time* as you read. Even though people in the congregation will probably be following the reading on screen you need to give them time to absorb what you are reading.
- If you are reading the Gospel (the 2nd. Reading in the 10.45am **Holy Communion Service**) -

a suggested opening pattern might be: -

You say: *'The Gospel reading comes from St. _____'s Gospel, Chapter _____, verses _____.*

Your introductory sentence/s.

Then –

You say: *'Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. _____'*

The congregation responds: 'Glory to you, O Lord'

Then at the end of the Gospel reading: -

You say: *'This is the Gospel of the Lord'*

The congregation responds: 'Praise to you, O Christ'

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