

Tips on reading in church, from Rev Sarah Sewell :

- 1) Always read from the NRSV bible, so that the reading matches the sermon
- 2) Delay the start a few moments, just to allow the congregation to settle
- 3) Use the service sheet for the words to introduce and finish the reading
- 4) Read slowly, pausing to allow gaps between readings, paragraphs, verses and to make the reading easier to understand
- 5) Don't get too close to the mic and
- 6) Don't act out the reading, leaving the sermon to explain the words instead!
- 7) Do read the reading 'out loud' to yourself before the service, to ensure you read it with understanding, to the congregation.