

Bible Readers

Qualification

Bible readers shall be on the electoral role and/or worshipping regularly at the church.

Bible readers require a clear, strong, and engaging voice.

They assist at the Sunday worship by reading the scripture(s) of the day to the congregation.

Bible readers are scheduled for duty on the Service Rota.

Training

Bible readers are expected to attend at least one annual training, refreshing and review event.

These will usually take place during September. Bible readers should also be aware of their own training needs and calling and be prepared to discuss these with the group and/or Parish Priest.

Tasks/expectation

- Pray
- Read the text beforehand
- Chew over the text to get to grips with the context and understanding of what has happened
- Read the text out loud
- Arrive early at church and practice the reading (the bible at church may be a different translation from the one you have at home)
- Remember to project your voice to the rear of the church (particularly for those hard of hearing)
- Read the text with emphasis, for example, if it is a narrative, read it as such, if poetry then read as poetry
- Be aware of the microphone but don't rely on it.
- Read more slowly and clearly than you would naturally