

# St Matthew's, Westminster

## Guide for Sunday Lectors

The Sunday Lectors read the two lessons from the Old and New Testaments that precede the reading of the Gospel.

*(Lector: those appointed to read in church)*

The reading of the scriptures in church is a privilege, and it is important that the readings can be heard and the sense and meaning conveyed.

Please make sure you read through the lesson in advance, and make sure you understand what the reading is saying. If there are any difficult words – place names can sometimes be a challenge! – please check with one of the clergy.

### **First Reading:**

Make your way to the lectern as soon as the priest finishes saying or singing the Collect. Wait until everyone is seated, and then read the lesson with the introduction provided on the lectern.

At the end of the reading, wait for the congregation to make their response (*Thanks be to God*) before moving away.

Please remember to turn the page if needed, so the second reading is in place and ready.

### **Second Reading:**

Please make your way to the lectern during the last verse of the Gradual Hymn or Psalm so that you are at the lectern when the Gradual ends.

Read the lesson with the introduction provided on the lectern.

At the end of the reading, wait for the congregation to make their response (*Thanks be to God*) before moving away.

Please remember to turn the page if needed, so the Oremus list is in place and ready for the Intercessor.