

Role Guide

Team: Catering (10:30am)



Role: Server

The big picture

The Catering Team helps make St Peter's a place where people are encouraged to stay, talk and get to know one another after the service.

Refreshments are not simply an added extra. Getting them into the congregation quickly helps newcomers and visitors feel that there is a natural reason to stay rather than leave immediately. Catering Team - Briefing Sheet

Your role

Servers take refreshments into the congregation immediately after the service.

We normally aim for at least three Servers, ideally four.

What to do

As soon as the service finishes:

- go to the kitchen counter on the church side – there is no need to enter the kitchen itself;
- collect one of the prepared trays;
- there will normally be two trays of coffee, one tray of tea and two trays of biscuits;
- begin at the front of church and work towards the back;
- offer refreshments warmly as you go;
- return to the kitchen counter whenever your tray needs refilling.

Please take particular care when carrying hot drinks through a congregation in which people are standing, moving and talking.

Why start at the front?

There are two practical reasons.

First, people can see refreshments coming towards them and are more likely to remain and talk rather than immediately leave.

Secondly, people are less likely to walk backwards into a tray of hot drinks which they have not seen.

Remember the welcome

The role is not simply about transporting drinks.

A smile, a friendly word and noticing someone who seems unsure or new are all part of the ministry of hospitality.

Afterwards

Return trays and any other serving equipment to the kitchen and help with any obvious clearing away which is needed.

If there has been a spill or accident, make sure it is dealt with promptly.

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