

Report for APCM

Catering Corps and After church coffee and tea

The Catering Corps have continued to serve meals this year, and they are always well attended and much appreciated. The opportunity to relax in a pleasant environment encourages people to chat and get know one another better. It is hoped that we can continue to do this, but we are always on the look-out for new cooks, as none of us are getting any younger!

After Mass tea and coffee is also much appreciated, and the cakes disappear at an alarming speed. After one or two broad hints, people seem to be paying a little more for their refreshments. Unfortunately, the team has recently lost a few members, but has gained one which means that for two Sundays out of four (or five, in a long month) all the work is being done by one person. Baking cakes, serving and clearing up is quite hard work, and although folk always helpfully bring cups to the kitchen and so on, it is really down to that one person to take on the responsibility for the smooth running of the morning. We are really keen to recruit new members, and thank Alison for stepping forward. If the situation continues, we may have to consider an alternative arrangement, such as asking people to accept instant coffee/tea in a disposable cup, and offering only packet biscuits, on one or more Sundays.

We were also hampered by the breakdown of the dishwasher. This was an excellent purchase, well worth the outlay and has proved to be invaluable both after big catering events and each Sunday.

However, thanks to some persistent work by Heidi it is now repaired at no cost to us.

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