

Report on Welcomers

For Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April, 2018

1. We continue to welcome the congregation (including newcomers). We continue to service the services, so to say, by handing out books, booklets and pew sheets; taking the collection; and ushering to the altar. I am grateful for all the work done by the teams each Sunday, and their team leaders.
2. I am especially grateful to (a) those who volunteer to help at the Christmas and Easter services, and other special occasions; and (b) those who willingly help out when a substitute or additional person is needed at the service itself.
3. I must also acknowledge the kindness of those who have helped with counting and paying in money on occasions when the regular teams were not able to do it.
4. I am glad to report that three more members of the congregation have joined us. They are Martin and Jane Cleveland, and Becky Chantry. We welcome these new Welcomers!
5. This report is an opportunity to thank, for their service, Welcomers who have ceased to be such during this last year, or earlier. They are Alec Thompson, Phil Townsend, Barbara Broadbent and Deeshani Gooneratne.
6. I think it is also right to thank those Welcomers who are no longer on the rota, but have agreed to remain on a “reserve list”, to be called upon if available.
7. The work done by Welcomers (formerly called Sidespersons) is important, and necessary. Also, doing it helps those who do it to get to know other members of the congregation. If anyone is interested in joining us, or knows of anyone who might be interested, please let me know.
8. If any member of the congregation has any suggestions about the service we Welcomers provide, please feel free to make them to me.

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