

COFFEE ROTA REPORT APRIL 2019

Refreshments after the 10am service are now served from the kitchen instead of the hall. This has proved a success for the volunteers as there is less work for us to do because we do not have carry everything through to the hall and then back again afterwards.

One result of this is that we think we can serve the refreshments with only three volunteers and not four. We are going to try this for the next session of the rota to see how we get on.

Trying to get boiling water for the tea and coffee has proved to be a challenge as the water heater produces boiling water but only at a trickle so it takes age to fill the jugs and tea pots. The urn supplies the water at a faster rate but it quite dangerous as it hangs over the edge of the kitchen counter and we have to be very careful how we get the water from the urn into the jugs. The young people on our rota are not allowed to use this urn. So we have reverted to using the two kettles that at our disposal. We do feel that a more permanent, safe, solution needs to be found to provide the boiling water for the tea pots and coffee jugs.

The refreshments are free and we just ask for donations. This money is handed straight to the Treasurer every week and is enough to pay for supplies from Traidcraft. The leader who provides the milk can take the cost of it from the donations but this rarely, if ever, happens.

As usual, I am hoping to provide a voluntary refreshment service during August if we can get enough volunteers from the congregation for the four Sundays during the month. I will be asking for these volunteers nearer the time.

We are down to sixteen volunteers to serve these refreshments every Sunday. Three members have left for various reasons but we have recruited three new volunteers so we are back to the status quo. Mosaic also take turns in the rota which is a great help and we really appreciate their participation. However, as usual, I want to say that we would like to have more volunteers on the coffee rota and hope that more members of the congregation will come onto the rota for a service that is enjoyed by everyone.

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