

Welcoming Guidelines for 10AM Service

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AT THE SERVICE

Arrive 15 minutes before the start of the service, pray for the service, yourself, and anyone who might be attending as a visitor.

In the Narthex, review the materials available for distribution: bulletins, newsletters, pledge statements, etc.

Watch for people who enter the side doors and sit in the pews without getting a bulletin, especially if they appear to be a first time visitor.

Welcome visitors (they may have come before and you haven't met them, if so welcome them back and introduce yourself). If it is the visitor's first time, introduce yourself, ask for their name and invite them to sign the guest book or fill out the visitor card (or fill it out for them). Offer the Welcome Packet to first time visitors. Find the Priest and a warden and let them know there is a new visitor and their name so they can be welcomed during the service. Ask them if they are familiar with the Episcopal service. If not, point out the Prayer Book and Hymnal and how they are referred to in the bulletin. Offer to have them sit with you (or you with them) if they would like to be guided through the service. Tell them there is a coffee hour afterward and that after the service you will take them to it and introduce them to other people in the parish.

AFTER SUNDAY

Follow up with the new visitor during the week using whatever contact information he/she has given you.

IN FIRST 6 MONTHS

If new visitors are involved in some ministry – they are more likely to stay, so work with them to help them discern their gifts and how they can share in the work.

DON'T BE SHY

MOST IMPORTANT – PRAY BEFORE THE SERVICE!

Thank you for your service to the Lord and his Body the Church!

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