

How to be a Welcomer

Your Role

The role of the welcomer sets the tone for the community's celebration. The quality of the welcome reflects the life of the community.

Points to remember:

- Smile!
- Don't intimidate. Be aware that some people may wish to keep themselves to themselves.
- Treat everyone the same
- Use names if you know them
- Talk to children as well as adults
- Keep an eye open for people who look "lost"
- If you know people are newcomers make a particular point of welcoming them to your church. Make sure they know where to pick up books, etc if you are not giving them out yourself
- Be prepared to listen
- Refer queries you cannot answer to the appropriate people
- Tell the person responsible for the bidding prayers of any late news that may need to be included
- Be around after the celebration to say goodbye – direct people to any other social event – to listen in case anyone wants to talk