

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES!

Brass cleaning: Through hot weather and cold, the brass at St John's is faithfully cleaned each week by our small band of six, who work in three teams of two, a month at a time. As usual more helpers are needed.

Flower arranging: Margaret Gardiner is no longer on our roster so we are back to 13 people with nearly all working in pairs. The use of artificial flowers has helped the finances and the worry and running around for the ladies. No flowers during Lent gives some of the ladies a break except if there is a wedding, or on Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday.

Linen laundering: This is done by 2 ladies and a couple who help out when needed. The small communion linen is very constant though not hard to handle. The altar linen needs less frequent attention but is then a big job.

Catering: We have catered for two lunches, an evening meal, a morning tea and an 80th birthday afternoon tea this year and I appreciate the help of so many parishioners on these occasions, some with cooking or sandwich making, some with help in the kitchen on the day.

Church cleaning: Bette Wood and Marg Brain were unable to continue with cleaning the church and finished early in the year. Thank you ladies for your help while you were able. Since then there have only been six ladies on the roster, working in pairs. This is a very big job and two more helpers would ease the load a lot for those doing it. The parish cleaner still does two weekends a month plus the fifth weekend when it occurs.

I wish to thank everyone for their tireless efforts through 2009, we are all busy and sometimes these activities are not very convenient but we soldier on. It is great to see so many people involved with the upkeep of our beautiful old church, no easy task! More helpers in all of these areas are needed so please contact the parish office or myself if you can help.

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