

You may have seen the entry in the Notice Sheet about “**Hospitality Sunday**” on 27<sup>th</sup> October. We did this some years ago, and there were a number of comments at the September 7<sup>th</sup> event that indicated a repeat would be welcomed.

The apostle Peter in his first letter encourages us to offer hospitality to each other, and in the experience of many of us, eating together is a great way of building friendship and the sort of healthy relationships that we aspire to in St Thomas’s. So the idea of Hospitality Sunday is for as many of us as possible to be sitting down to Sunday lunch or an evening meal with others from St T’s on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

How will this work? Well, we need both hosts and guests. We’re looking for hosts to either invite guests directly, if possible including folk they don’t know too well, or offer to have guests assigned. We need to know if you’re set up for younger children to join you as well. However you want to play this – inviting your guests or having them assigned – please could you sign the Host sheet on the table at the back, speak to Angela or Sandy, or contact them by e-mail or phone.

If you’re quite new to St Thomas’s, then we would like you to be guests of those who have been around for longer. We can find you a suitable host and put you in touch. Alternatively, you might just fancy a break from cooking a Sunday meal yourself, in which case offer to be a guest somewhere! Again, please sign on the Guest sheet at the back or contact us directly if this describes you.

The church leaders hope that as many as possible will take this opportunity to enjoy the spiritual gift of hospitality.