

St Paul's in the Park

Once there was a very rich man who dreamed that he died and went to heaven. St Peter escorted him down a lovely street on which each house was magnificent. The rich man saw one house that was especially beautiful and asked who lived there. 'That is the celestial home of your butler,' said St Peter.

The man smiled, 'Well, if my butler gets a place like that, I certainly look forward to seeing what my new home will be like.'

Soon, they came to a very small street where the houses were tiny and unpretentious. 'You will live in that hut,' said St Peter, pointing his finger.

'Me, live in a hovel like that!' exclaimed the rich man.

'This is the best we can do for you,' said St Peter. 'You must understand that we only build your home with the material you send ahead while you are still on earth.'

Our Christian religion is all about community, and the corollary from that means it is about people. If we lose sight of that, we have lost the essence of Christianity.

"I command you to love each other in the same way I love you." John 15:12



Treasurer

At our vestry meeting last week, Rex took us all by surprise by announcing that he is stepping down from his role as Treasurer. He has decided it is time for a change. We respect his decision but are going to miss the immense experience and expertise he brings to the role. He has served our church faithfully for some years and we are extremely grateful.

We are also grateful to Richard Warham for stepping into the breach and agreeing to take over the role. Thank you, Richard.

Jammies in June

Kidz First Hospital are running their annual appeal for kids' pyjamas. It is an appeal we like to support. If you would like to contribute, you can either drop the pyjamas off at the church or at Kidz First. Give me a call if you would like to make a time to drop off, or I am very happy to pick them up from you.

Social Function

Last Saturday the Church held a family social function in order to welcome Mervis, myself and our children into the St Paul's fold. It was a wonderful evening and we are most grateful for the gesture. I made the point in a very short speech that I don't miss my life at King's, mainly due to the kindness and warmth of the people of St Paul's. Thank you.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for people to come into the fold. From May 25 to June 4 individuals and congregations will join this prayer movement as we seek to encourage more people to come to a faith in Jesus Christ and to join our Church. If you would like to know more, visit Thykingdomcome.com./ Please add this to your prayer list.

Auckland City Mission

A notice has been sent to all ministry units reminding us of a motion at the 2016 Synod which draws our attention to the homelessness crisis. Part of the motion urged all units to send a team of volunteers to help out at the City Mission distribution centre at least twice a year. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out for a day, please contact Eleanor Keys (022 6219245).

Summerset by the Park Village Market Day

This coming Saturday (27th) Summerset by the Park are holding a market day 10.00am – 2.00pm. Joyce Armstrong is running a stall in support of our building fund. It would be great if you could pop in and support her. Thank you, Joyce.

Absence

I will be away next weekend (May26-28). I have been asked to officiate at wedding in Fiji. One has to make these sacrifices occasionally! I am grateful to Eleanor for stepping into the breach in my absence.

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