

St Paul's in the Park

March newsletter

In 1908, Irish explorer Ernest Shackleton headed an Antarctic expedition attempting to reach the South Pole. They came closer than any before but, 97 miles short of the pole, had to turn back.

In his diary Shackleton told of the time when their food supplies were exhausted save for one last ration of hardtack, a dried sort of biscuit, that was distributed to each man. Some of the men took snow, melted it, and made tea while consuming their biscuit. Others, however, stowed the hardtack in their food sacks, saving it for a last moment of hungry desperation.

That night Shackleton said that he was almost asleep when out of the corner of his eye, he noticed one of his most trusted men sitting up in his sleeping bag and looking about to see if anyone was watching.

Shackleton's heart sank within him as this man began to reach toward the food sack of the man next to him. Shackleton watched as the man opened the food sack, took his own hardtack and put it in the other man's sack.

'Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.' **Hebrews 13:16**

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – 29 March

6.30pm Fellowship meal, including the Washing of Feet – Hall.
(Please rsvp to me if you are intending to attend)

8.00pm Tenebrae Service – Church.

Good Friday – 30 March

10.00am The Celebration of Christ's Passion

Easter Sunday – 1 April.

10.00am Holy Communion.

Working Bee and Palm Crosses.

A working bee will be held at the Church this coming Saturday (24th) in order to have everything tidied up for Easter. 9.00am start.

Also, on Saturday morning a group will be meeting to make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday service the next day. That will get under way at 10.00am.

AGM

Our annual AGM will be held following the service this coming Sunday (25th). If you would like to nominate someone for a position on vestry, please approach them before Sunday.

To Ponder

‘If you want others to be happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion.’ Dalai Lama.



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