

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter May 2018

Giving

A lonely cabin, known to be inhabited, had been sighted in a deep mountain valley almost buried by snow drifts.

The rescue squad went into action. The team fought its way down icy crags and cliffs and through heavy snow. Finally they arrived at the mound of snow that covered the cabin. Only the tip of the chimney was visible. They dug until they reached the door of the cabin and pried it open.

They found themselves face to face with a gaunt man with a scraggly beard. 'We're from the Red Cross,' they announced triumphantly.

'Wall,' drawled the mountain man, scratching his tousled head, 'it's been a right tough winter and I don't see I kin give you anything this year.'

Our end of the financial year position (March 31) showed us to be in a healthy position. This is due in no small part to the generosity of our congregation. A very big 'thank you'. Giving lies at the heart of what it means to be a Christian community. It is also very important in terms of our personal welfare and wellbeing.

'We make a living by what we get and a life by what we give.' Winston Churchill.

'...for God loves the one who gives gladly.' 2 Corinthians 9:7b

Receipts

Speaking of giving, if you are giving through the envelope system, your receipts are available at the church. Any unclaimed by the end of the month will be posted.

Mothers Day

I do hope you all had an enjoyable and meaningful Mothers Day. It is indeed a very special day.

Here are a few answers given by school-age children to these questions.

Why did God make mothers?

1. Mostly to clean the house.
2. To help us out of there when we were getting born!

How did God make mothers?

1. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
2. He used dirt, just like the rest of us.

How did your mom meet your dad?

1. Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting!!!

Lloyd and Joyce

This coming Sunday (20th) we will be celebrating the diamond wedding anniversary and also 90th birthdays of Lloyd and Joyce Armstrong with a special morning tea following our 10.00am service. If you are able to bring along a plate, that would be much appreciated.

Jammies in June

Once again we are supporting Middlemore Hospital's annual appeal for winter pyjamas for young people. The pyjamas need to be new and button-down front. If you are able to donate, please bring them along to the church.

Volunteers

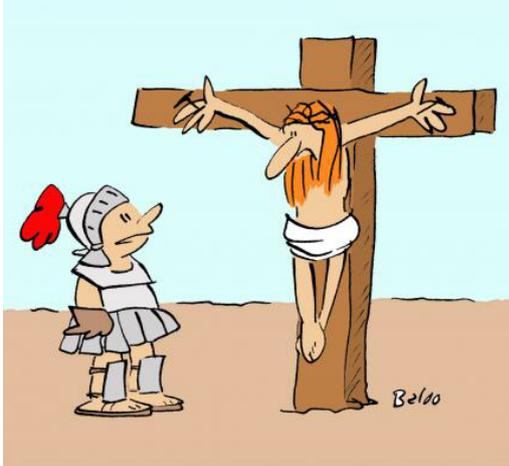
We are still looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the church/hall and also with morning teas. It would not be an onerous commitment but would help ease the pressure on those already committed. Please let me know if you are interested.

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion services

It has been decided that these services will no longer take place. People have other priorities on a Wednesday morning, which is quite understandable.

To ponder

'The less you talk, the more you are listened to.' *Anon*



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