

St Paul's on the Park January Newsletter

The Cookie Snatcher

While waiting at the airport terminal for her plane to begin boarding, a woman sat reading a newspaper. Earlier, she had purchased a packet of cookies to eat after she got on the plane. Out of the corner of her eye, she noticed that the man sitting next to her was eating a cookie. She looked down and noticed that her package of cookies had been opened and the man was eating them.

The woman couldn't believe that the man would have such a nerve as to eat her cookies. So that she wouldn't lose all her cookies to the man, she slowly reached over, took a cookie and ate one herself. To her amazement, the man continued to eat more cookies. Getting more and more irritated, the woman removed all but one of the cookies from the package and ate them. At that point, the man reached down and took the last cookie. Before eating it though, he broke it in half and left half of the cookie for the woman. This made the woman so angry, she grabbed the empty package with the half cookie and crammed it in her purse. Then, to her shock, she noticed that there in her purse was her unopened package of cookies.

Invariably when we judge or condemn others, we end up judging or condemning ourselves. I am sure we have all been guilty of being too quick to pass judgment on someone else.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.’
Luke 6:37

‘While you judge me by my outward appearance, I am silently doing the same to you, even though there's a ninety-percent chance that in both cases our assumptions are wrong.’
Rochelle Goodrich

Cleaning

I am about to draw up the church/hall cleaning roster for the next three months. If you would like to be added to that roster, please let me know. The commitment would be approximately twice every three months.

A reminder that we have available the services of Max to assist with the cleaning. If you are unable to meet your rostered commitment, Max can help out. His charge is approx. \$80 and his contact number is 021 143 1988. He will have his own key. Payment is best made through the church – you give an \$80 donation to St Paul's and the church pays Max. That way you can claim 33% tax refund. Please ensure this is over and above your usual giving!

A thought – you might like to contribute to the cleaning by having your name on the roster and using Max. Even if it was only once every 3 – 6 months, it takes a little pressure off those who have put their hand up for cleaning.

Selwyn Seniors

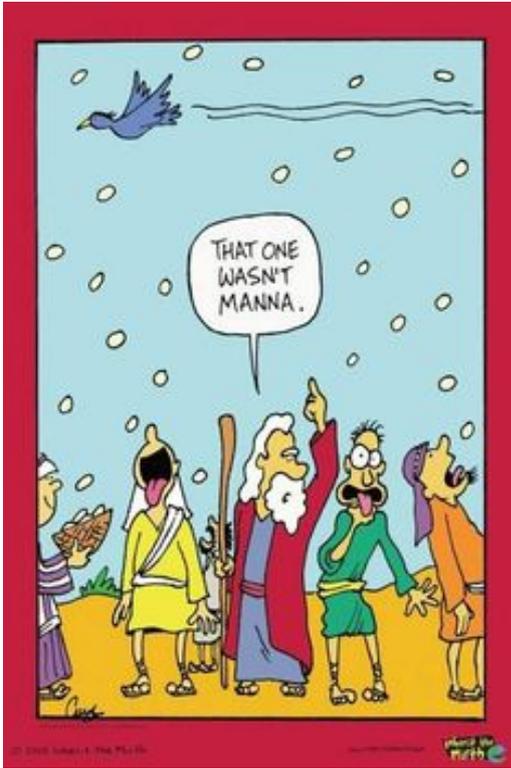
Jennie Henry, after a year's wonderful service, has decided to resign from her position as Co-ordinator. We are most grateful for the sterling job she did last year and will be acknowledging her contribution at her last day on Friday 25 January.

Last Sunday

I would like to thank Ann McLean and Onosai Auva'a for doing a wonderful job in taking the service last Sunday (13th) and allowing me to have a Sunday off. It was hugely appreciated, though did feel rather strange not being there.

Next Sunday

Next Sunday (20th), Rev Gareth Walters will be bringing a small band from St George's, Epsom, to lead the music at our 10.00am service. In addition, Gareth will be preaching. Should be a wonderful occasion.



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