

## St Paul's in the Park

## February Newsletter

### The Bible

I am sure that most of us are only too well aware how important it is to read our Bible on a regular basis, but I am also sure that many of us, due to the demands and distractions of our busy lives, don't read it as much as we really should.

The Bible should be our handbook for life. God speaks to us through the Bible and it contains everything we need to know if we are to live our lives in tune with God. There will be discordant notes along the way and there will be times when we struggle with particular stories or passages. But not only has it stood the test of time, it has stood the test of centuries of close examination and scrutiny. Perhaps we could reflect on this little story.

*A man once walked through a great art gallery, looking scornfully at the paintings on the wall. 'Are these the masterpieces?' he asked. 'I am afraid they don't do much for me.' The attendant standing nearby responded, 'These pictures are not on trial. Their worth has proved long ago. It is you who are on trial.'*

If it helps, try and get into a routine of reading a short passage at a certain time each day, and most importantly, ask God to speak to you as you read.

'All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.' 2 Timothy 3:16

### Working Bee

We are having a working bee on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to clean out the container sitting under the trees behind our church. We will get under way at 9.00am. Look forward to seeing you there, if you are free.

### Ash Wednesday

We will be holding our usual Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. All welcome.

On that note, if you have your palm cross from last year, could you please bring it to church and give it to either Ann or me.

### Lent Group

During Lent we will be offering a time of reflection/study/discussion, meeting on Thursday evenings in the hall at 6.30pm for pizzas and getting under way at 7.00pm. We will conclude by 8.00pm. We will get under way on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Anyone and everyone are most welcome.

### AGM

Our AGM will be held following our service on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is a very important event in the life of our church and I do hope you are able to attend.

### Rubbish

A reminder – if you are using the hall, please take away your rubbish. After a couple of days flies and smell can become something of a problem.

### World Day of Prayer Service

This will be held at St Columba Presbyterian Church, 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany on Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am. This is an opportunity to join with Christians of all denominations to pray for the church in Slovenia.

### City Mission Project

All ministry units have been asked to contribute towards the fundraising for the building of the new City Mission premises. To that end, we will be putting on a special morning tea following our service on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> and asking for donations.

### Trees

Next month we will be engaging someone to attend to the pine trees in our car park. Some will be felled and some will be pruned. This will ensure our car park is actually safe for cars and people.

### **Building Update**

We are still waiting to hear from the quantity surveyor as to the cost of building our new church. Next week we are meeting with members of the Auckland Council in order progress with the ratification of the land swap and the amendment to the Resource Consent. The plans themselves are progressing well.

### **THE GOOD BOOK**

Mark Shotton & Paul Symonds



*Lazarus had never been much of a morning person*

### **To ponder**

'Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future.' Paul Boese.

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