

St Paul's in the Park April Newsletter

A story tells of a little boy playing hide-and-seek with his friends. For some unknown reason they stopped playing while he was still hiding. He began to cry and his grandfather came out of the house to see what was troubling him and to comfort him.

After learning what had happened, the grandfather said, 'Do not weep, my child, because the boys did not come to find you. Perhaps you can learn a lesson from this disappointment. All of life is like a game between God and us. Only it is God who is weeping because we are not playing the game fairly. God is waiting to be found, but many have gone in search of other things.'

It is in the Resurrection of Jesus that God is revealed to us. It is in the Resurrection of Jesus that we find a whole new relationship with God. Let's make sure that this Easter we are intently seeking him; that we are totally focused, to the exclusion of any distractions. Let's be honest, there are countless distractions out there!

'It was early on Sunday morning when Jesus rose from the dead...' Mark 16:9

'A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.'

Mahatma Ghandi

Easter Services

A reminder re our schedule of Easter services.

Maundy Thursday 7.00pm Tenebrae Service (A prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering)

Good Friday 10.00am Celebration of Christ's Passion
(Followed by hot cross buns)

Easter Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion

We look forward to having you join us as we celebrate the events which ultimately led to the foundation of our Christian religion. These few days are, without doubt, the highlight of our Christian calendar.

Simmel Cake

Following our service on Easter Sunday, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a Simnel cake baked especially for us by Rhys Bean. There will be a more detailed article attached to our service sheets but in essence a Simnel cake is a type of fruit cake that contains plenty of marzipan and is eaten at Easter, although it used to be specifically associated with Mothering Sunday. The cake is decorated with eleven marzipan balls, each symbolising one of Jesus's disciples, remembering that Judas had by now had made his ignominious departure.

A huge thank you to Rhys for this wonderful treat.

Phones in Church – Poster found in a church in France

‘When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God.” However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a txt while driving.’

TV Programme

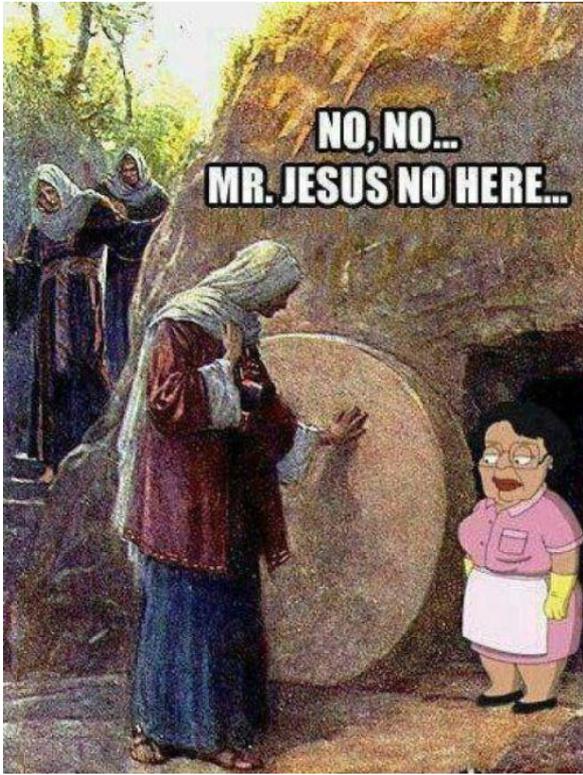
If you are a Sky TV subscriber, you might like to tune into the History channel on Easter Sunday at 8.30pm. It is the beginning of a series entitled, ‘Jesus: His Life.’

Cleaning

I am about to do the cleaning roster for the church/hall for the next 3 months. If you think you might be able to help out at all, please let me know. Even if you are able to commit for just one turn, it would be very helpful.

Absence

I will be taking next week off. Bishop John Paterson will be taking the service on Sunday 28 April.



To ponder

‘Be happy with what you have got. Be happy with what you haven’t got.’ Indian saying.

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