

St Paul's in the Park July Newsletter

Security in God

Mother eagles are caring and loving creatures. Somewhere down the line the mother eagle decides her little eagle needs to learn to fly. So she takes that little eagle out of the nest and flies up as high as she can go. At this point, she drops the fledgling and he falls fast. The fledgling has never flown in his life. The ground is coming up, his little heart is ready to burst, and he fears the worst.

But the mother eagle is watching and at the last moment she swoops down and catches him. Relieved, the baby eagle thinks, 'I'm saved, I'm fine, I'm going to survive.' The mother eagle then flies up as high as she can go and again she drops him. She continues to do this until he learns to fly.

In a similar way, as we encounter the challenges and hardships of life, we must have faith that God is always there. We need these challenges in order to grow and develop, but we also need to know that God has us covered.

God speaking to Moses. 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I brought you to myself and carried you on eagle's wings.' Exodus 19:4

Treasurer

We are still looking for someone who would be prepared to serve as our Treasurer. It is not an onerous task as much of the accounting work is carried out by Trust Management. It is really a case of feeding the correct information to them. If you might be interested, please let me know.

We are most grateful to Angeline Narayan and Joseph George who have been helping us out in the meantime.

Financial Situation

While on the topic of finances, we are still in the red for the current year. We need your support!

A reminder that if you want to donate via the envelope system, email Jenny Burrow (jrburrow2016@gmail.com). She will allocate a donor number to you and issue you with appropriate envelopes. Alternatively, you might like to donate via internet banking. You still need to contact Jenny to obtain a donor number. The church bank account number is 06 0991 0056055 00. Please enter your donor number in Reference.

Social/fundraising evening

Please mark in your diary **Friday 11 October**. We are planning to hold a social evening and at the same time raise funds to assist Alaisea Siu meeting the cost of her leadership programme run by Anglican Youth Ministries, details of which were included in last month's newsletter.

At this stage it is envisaged to have some sort of a cultural evening. No details decided upon as yet, though Alaisea has promised that she and a few friends will be performing a Samoan dance! There would be a cover charge as well as other options for the raising of funds.

To Ponder

'There are no shortcuts to anywhere worth going.' *Beverly Sills*

Sky Tower Stair Challenge

Debbie Brown, a member of our congregation, is undertaking to race up the Sky Tower next month to raise money for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer NZ. She has a friend who recently had a bone marrow transplant and is now doing well. Debbie wants to do this in support of the challenge her friend has been facing. If you would like to sponsor her, go to <https://secure.leukaemia.net.nz/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=1295868&langPref=en-CA>

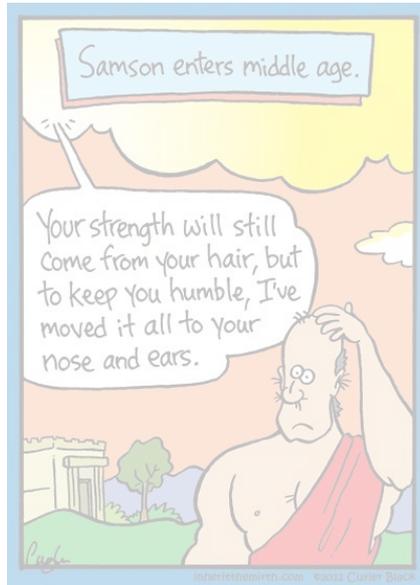
All the very best, Debbie!

Church Build

Progress with planning continues. Yes, I will send out a newsletter on this soon – am just awaiting a couple of boxes to be ticked.

Joyce Armstrong

Last Friday (19th) we farewelled Joyce at a service at All Saints, Howick. Joyce and Lloyd have been stalwarts of St Paul's for some time. As well as their wonderful support, I was most grateful to Joyce for the valued contribution she made to our worship with her accompaniment on the electric piano. She will be sorely missed, and our thoughts and prayers are with Lloyd.



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