

St Paul's in the Park September Newsletter

Real love

A definition of a kiss – *'The anatomical juxtaposition of two orbicular muscles in a state of contraction.'* Fair enough, but that hardly helps you understand the full meaning of a kiss! Only when the theoretical becomes practical do we have a full appreciation of its meaning. We can talk about love and analyse love, but only when we actually love someone does it become real; that's when it really becomes kindness and compassion.

An eight-year old's perspective – *'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss.'*

'Dear friends, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.' 1 John 3:18

Faith statement

At our last vestry meeting it was decided that it would be a good idea to have a faith statement. It needed to be concise, to reflect the purpose of our church, and to avoid the stereotypical phrases usually associated with this kind of thing. This is what we came up with:

“At St Paul's in the Park we strive to do everything we possibly can to ensure that as many people as possible in our community have a positive Christian experience.”

Using an economy of words, I believe this conveys the sense that our goal is to touch as many people as possible across a wide spectrum of our community, whether through worship, community outreach programmes or just our presence. Any feedback is most welcome.

Blessing of pets

A reminder that our St Francis Day celebration service involving the blessing of pets will take place on Sunday 6 October at the usual time of 10.00am. Pets of all description are most welcome. However, it would be preferable if they are able to fit into the hall, and I do have an aversion to snakes!

Social/fundraising evening

A reminder that this is taking place on Friday 11 October in the hall. Entry is \$10 per head, \$20 per family. Bring a plate that expresses something of your culture. There will be entertainment, including Alaisea and a few of her friends performing a Samoan dance. There will also be a trading table.

This is a chance of getting everyone together and having some fun and at the same time, raising funds for Alaisea's leadership programme. The evening will commence at 7.00pm.

INDABA2

This is an Episcopal initiative which began a few years ago. The idea is for ministry units across the Diocese to get to know their neighbouring churches. We have been grouped with Pakuranga, Howick, Bucklands Beach and Whitford. Invitations have gone out to join us for the weekend of 2/3 November.

The programme will include gathering on Saturday 2nd at 4.00pm for drinks and nibbles, short Bible study, followed by a meal at which I will speak about our present journey. They will then join us for morning worship at 10.00am on Sunday 3rd, followed by an extended morning tea.

More details nearer the time but we do hope you can join us.



To ponder

‘Prayer is like turning on a light switch – the power of God is always there, always available, but we don’t turn on the switch.’

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FREE COMMUNITY WALK



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▶ **Wednesday 6 November 2019** | 10.00am - 12.00pm
St Paul's in the Park, 141 Chapel Road, Flat Bush

SCHEDULE

10.00am	Welcome and introductions
10.15am	Warm up
10.30am	Guided walk starts (2.5km or 5km option)
11.30am	Morning tea and short presentations, followed by sharing your ideas on what you would like more of in the community

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING PURPOSES

please leave your name and number of attendees

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