

St Paul's in the Park Special Newsletter

Social

A reminder re our fundraising social coming up next Friday (11th) in the hall. Please bring a plate expressing something of your culture, and if you are able to dress accordingly, so much the better. Entertainment will be provided, including Alaisea and friends performing a Samoan dance. Onosai has promised some magic!

If you have anything that can be provided for a trading table, please do bring along. Entry is \$10/head, \$20 for a family. We get under way at 7.00pm.

Apart from raising funds for Alaisea's leadership programme, this is a wonderful opportunity for us all to mix and mingle, and have some fun. One of the strengths of our church is the sense of family. I know this evening will be a reflection of that.

Building progress

The Developed Design Stage of the project is now complete, and our architects and engineers are moving into producing the Detailed Construction Drawings and Specifications that will be needed to construct the building. There are also all sorts of calculations needed to satisfy the Council that we will be meeting the Building Codes and our engineers are producing these. Our own involvement at this stage is to work with the architects in selecting finishing materials and colours and in designing the fittings we will need to operate the various spaces (such as those for kitchen, offices and storage etc).

The big challenge now is to put the finance in place for the construction itself. Our latest total project estimate is \$6,131,000 and this includes all professional fees and costs, new furniture and sound system as well as \$100,000 client contingency and \$175,000 contract contingency to cover those things that inevitably crop up. This figure excludes the GST content which we don't count because we can claim it back. As a church family we need to decide what our contribution could be towards that. That could be an item for the next Vestry meeting. I have assembled a fundraising committee of people outside our immediate church family in order to implement the funding process. We are also waiting to hear what the contribution of the Diocese will be.

Our aim is to begin building in April next year but if we have not raised the necessary funds by then that commencement date will be pushed out to the Spring. We are also working with our architects to reduce the cost by \$50 – 100,000.

The key issues for your prayers right now are obviously the funding challenge but also finding a good engineering solution for our sewer system and bringing the Land Swap agreement with the Council to a conclusion. The design work is proceeding very well, and we are excited about how the building is turning out and the ministry opportunities that it will provide us.



(See Luke 10:30-36)

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**DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
MEDIocre SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE YOU A
BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF**

To ponder

'One of the most difficult things to give away is kindness, for it is usually returned.'
Mark Ortman

Time for a smile

A woman is suffering from obesity. Her doctor puts her on a diet to help her lose weight. The doctor tells her, 'What I want you to do is have your meals as normal for two days, then skip a day. Then you eat normally for another two days, then skip another day and so on. That way you should lose five pounds in the next two weeks.'

Two weeks later, the woman comes back. She has lost four stone. 'That's amazing,' says the doctor. 'Did you follow my instructions?'

'Yes,' says the woman. 'I thought I was going to die on the third day.' 'From the hunger?' asked the doctor. 'No,' says the woman, 'From all the skipping!'

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