

November Newsletter St Paul's in the Park

Be happy with what you have.

A Quaker had this sign put up on a vacant piece of land next to his home. THIS LAND WILL BE GIVEN TO ANYONE WHO IS TRULY SATISFIED.

A wealthy farmer who was riding by stopped to read the sign and said to himself, 'Since our friend the Quaker is so ready to part with this plot I might as well claim it before someone else does. I am a rich man and have all I need, so I certainly qualify.'

With that he went up to the door and explained what he was there for. 'And is thee truly satisfied?' the Quaker asked.

'I am indeed, for I have everything I need.'

'Friend,' said the Quaker, 'if thee is satisfied, what does thee want the land for?'

While others strive for wealth the enlightened, being content with what they have, possess it without striving. I believe there two secrets to a contented life – be happy with who you are and be happy with what you have.

'So do not start worrying: 'Where will my food come from? Or my drink? Or my clothes?' Your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things.' Matthew 6:31-32

"It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy." George Lorimer

Carol Service

We will be holding our Carol service on Sunday 15 December at our usual worship time of 10.00am. Come along and enjoy singing your favourite traditional carols.

We will be putting on a special morning tea, so if you are able to bring along a contribution, that would be great.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – 6.00pm Family Holy Communion 11.00pm Holy Communion

Christmas Day – 9.00am Holy Communion.

Finances

I would like to thank all those who have faithfully supported our church financially throughout the year to date. We are a small congregation and I recognise it is a challenge to meet our financial commitments. We are, however, in the red by about \$2,000 for the year, so it would be marvellous to bridge that gap by the end of next month.

City Mission Appeal

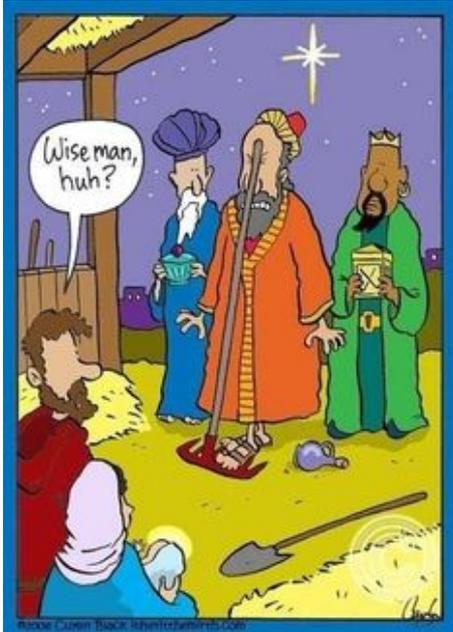
We have two boxes of gifts and food to deliver to the Auckland City Mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Working Bee

There will be a working bee at the church on Saturday 7 December in order to have a tidy-up before Christmas. We will begin at 9.00am.

Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council are meeting next Thursday (28th) and hopefully will be making a decision as to their financial support of our build. I think we all need to hold them in our prayers!



To Ponder

'Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you.' Anon

Time to Smile

Why are birthdays good for you? *The more you have, the longer you live.*

'When is your birthday?' *'The third of September.'*

'Which year?' *'Every year.'*

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