

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 10 May 2020

### Honesty

*He was born February 12 1809 in a Kentucky log cabin. His parents were poor, honest and devoutly religious. They lived enduring ideals of truth and honesty, and taught them to their son.*

*As a young man, he worked as a clerk in a general store near Salem, Illinois. One day, he inadvertently overcharged a woman 6 cents. After closing for the day, this conscientious clerk took the lady her change, a round trip of several miles on foot.*

*On another occasion, when there were more customers in the store than usual, the young man gave short weight to a customer. Upon discovering the error, at first opportunity he tied up the four ounces of tea due to the shopper and walked a great distance to deliver it.*

The man, of course, was Abraham Lincoln, and he carried that same honesty into his law practice, politics, and ultimately, the presidency of the United States. His character was so impeccable that he truly earned the nickname, 'Honest Abe.'

Honesty earns respect from others and cultivates a close relationship with God. And a final word from another US president, Thomas Jefferson. '*Honesty is the first chapter in the first book of wisdom.*'

'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' Matthew 5:8

### Back to Church

It does look as though we will be moving to Level 2 quite soon. What does this mean in terms of returning to church for Sunday worship? There are a few issues, not the least being that physical distancing will have to be maintained. This certainly precludes us from gathering in the church, as we wouldn't fit, and so in the meantime it would mean meeting in the hall.

There are other issues around administering Communion, keeping everything 'clean' etc, which have to be considered. We won't be rushing back, but rather make sure we have everything covered and also have time to ensure everyone knows just what to expect.

I do need to say that it is important that we don't roll up expecting the usual 'church experience.' It will feel quite different until we can resume worshipping in the way we are used to. I also need to say that I am so looking forward to meeting up with everyone and welcoming you to worship in the flesh.

### Time for a Smile

A man goes into the doctor's and says, 'Doctor, I keep feeling that everyone thinks I am a liar.' 'I find that hard to believe,' replies the doctor.

A man is having his eyes tested. The optician tells him, 'I've got news for you. It turns out that you are colour blind.' 'Oh my goodness!' says the man. 'Well, that's certainly a bolt out of the green!'

**Happy Mother's Day.**

To all those wonderful mums, a thousand blessings on you.



**To Ponder**

'Generosity is not so much the giving of things as it is the giving of one's self.' Anon.

**YouTube link**

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