

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 20 June 2020

Too much of a hurry?

A missionary tells of how he got a group of bearers to carry his goods through an African trail. They went along day after day at great pace, the missionary forcing them, because he was anxious to get to his destination. One morning they were very slow in getting under way. The missionary impatiently asked the headman, 'Why don't they get up and get going?' He replied, 'No, massa, they're not moving today. They all say that they have to wait a day for their souls to catch up with their bodies.'

I think one of the things the experience of lockdown taught us is that when we are not caught up in the busyness of life, we are able to find the space and time to reflect a little on just what is important. Included in that was an awareness of others – a caring and sensitivity for the well-being of others. Our values changed. The challenge for us is to ensure this change persists and is not just a passing phase.

'Fix your thoughts on what is true and honourable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.'
Philippians 4:8

Back to Church (YouTube)

It was so good to be back together in our beautiful church last Sunday worshipping as a community. For those of you unable to be with us, I do hope you managed to see the edited version of the service which came out a couple of days later. I do apologise for the delay.

This is a new challenge for us. I have been blown away by the response to our weekly YouTube clips. They have been viewed by a large number of people, many of whom are not part of our regular worshipping community, for a variety of reasons. Some don't even live in Auckland, let alone New Zealand! It has opened my eyes as to the potential of social media to reach a wide range of people, and we need to continue to explore this medium.

We will continue to record our services and send out an edited version. Hopefully, we can manage to do this in a matter of hours following our service.

I do want to again acknowledge Joseph for his help (he is now our camera man) and especially Onosai who is responsible for the editing, a time-consuming job, to say the least.

Youth Group

Our youth group got under way again last Saturday and we will be meeting on a weekly basis. At this stage we meet 10.00am – 12.00 midday Saturdays in the hall but we will be reviewing this time slot. Any teenagers are most welcome to join us.

JP

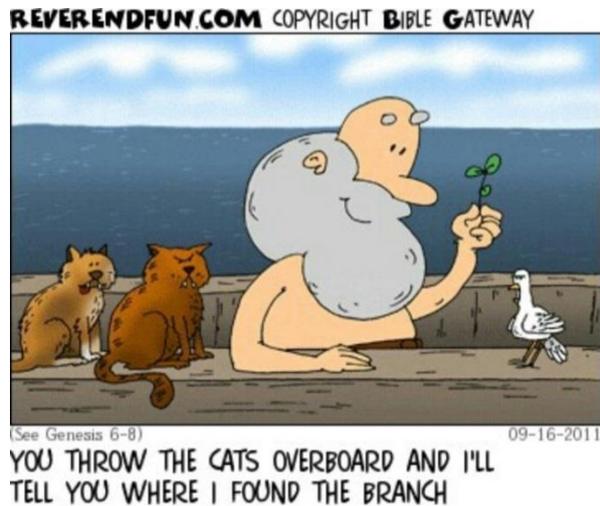
We do have a JP (Justice of the Peace) in our congregation - John Bean. If you are looking for someone to witness/sign a document, John is very happy to help you out. His phone number is 027 610 8399. Email address – johnbean101@gmail.com

Time for a Smile

A man asks the stewardess on a plane, 'Do these planes crash often?' 'No,' replies the stewardess, 'only once!'

Narayan Family

Some news from Lorence and Angeline. They are well settled in Melbourne, though finding it a little cold. Their address is 8 Janoli St, Mickleham, VIC 3064.



To Ponder

'Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.'
Satchel Paige

AGM

A reminder that our AGM will be taking place next Sunday (28th) after our 10.00am service.

Jammies in June

If you would like to donate kids' pyjamas in support of this appeal, please bring them along to church. Warm and button-up.

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