

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 7 June 2020

### Sin

*There is the story of an intermediate girls school that faced a rather unique problem. Some of the girls began to use lipstick and they would put it on in the bathroom. After they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips against the mirrors, leaving dozens of little lip prints. Despite being asked frequently to desist, they persisted.*

*Finally, the principal decided something had to be done. She called the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the caretaker. She explained lip prints caused a major problem for the caretaker who had to clean the mirrors every day. To demonstrate how difficult it was, she asked the caretaker to clean one of the mirrors. He took a long-handled brush, dipped it into the toilet, and scrubbed the mirror. Since then there have been no lip prints on the mirror!*

Sin will always, always have consequences. The only way to avoid those consequences is, of course, not to sin. It is kind of stating the obvious but the reality is we never really learn.

'Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow.' Galatians 6:7

### Rhys Bean

Those of you who received my email earlier in the week re returning to church would be aware that Rhys Bean was awarded the QSM (Queen's Service Medal) in the Queen's Birthday honours. I can now give you a more complete picture of the wonderful service she has given to the community over many years.

As a funeral celebrant for 29 years Rhys officiated at more than 4,650 funerals. Through her pastoral care she has touched the lives of countless people at a time when that considerate care has been so very much needed.

In addition, Rhys has been a volunteer for Heart Kids NZ for more than 35 years; a Meals on Wheels driver for many years; a frequent visitor to KidzFirst children's ward. She was also a supporter of the Bereaved Parents Association for 25 years. Rhys was a standing committee member of the Auckland Anglican Diocese for 11 years, and also part of an educational sub-committee that was involved in plans for the development of a Friendship House drop-in facility for Manukau City.

It should also be noted that this is something of a family tradition, her mother also being a recipient of the QSM some years ago.

Our congratulations and very best wishes go out to Rhys on this thoroughly deserved recognition of a wonderful ministry to our community.

### Back to Church

We were toying with the idea of gathering for worship this Sunday but with the likelihood of a move to Level 1 next week it was decided to delay our return until next Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) in order that we can celebrate our return without all the restrictions in place. Let's come together and make it an occasion to celebrate in style! I will confirm early next week. If that does take place, an edited version of our service will be sent out on YouTube.

### **Birth**

Congratulations to Joe and Ana on the birth of Langafonua Ma'u Talanoa-i-Laucala Halapua. Ana and baby all well.

### **Time for a Smile**

Two lions are wandering through the centre of London. One says to the other, 'Not many people around today, are there?'

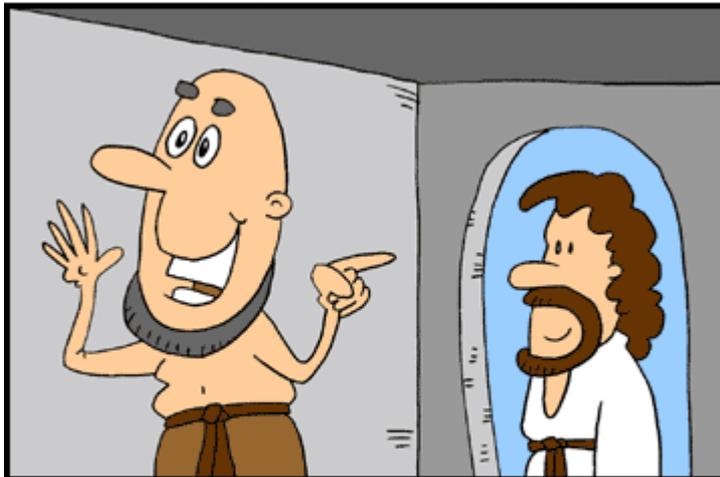
### **AGM**

We are intending to hold our AGM (postponed from March 29th) on Sunday 28 June following our 10.00am service. Please make a note in your diary.

### **Tax Receipts**

They have arrived! They will be available at our service next Sunday. I will post out to those unable to attend church that day.

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Thanks to Paul 04-28-2000

HEY HONEY, MY BEST FRIEND IS HERE AND HE SAYS I HAVE TO DROP EVERYTHING AND GO FISHING

### **To Ponder**

'It is nice to be important but more important to be nice.' Anon.

### **YouTube Clip**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTleOHa41-Q>

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