

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter October 2020

### **Serving your enemy**

*A Chinese Christian owned a rice paddy next to one owned by a Communist man. The Christian irrigated his paddy by pumping water out of a canal, using one of those leg-operated pumps that make the user appear to be seated on a bicycle. Every day, after the Christian had pumped enough water to fill his field, the Communist would come out, remove some boards that kept the water in the Christian's field and let all the water flow down into his own field. That way, he didn't have to pump.*

*This continued day after day. Finally, the Christian prayed, 'Lord, if this keeps up, I'm going to lose all my rice. I've got a family to care for. What can I do?'*

*In answer to his prayer, the Lord put a thought into his mind. So, next morning he arose much earlier, in the predawn hours of darkness, and started pumping water into the field of his Communist neighbour. Then replaced the boards and pumped water into his own rice paddy. In a few weeks both fields of rice were doing well – and the Communist was converted!*

**'But if you are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, turn the other cheek. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also.'** Luke 6:27, 29.

### **Christmas Services**

Cannot believe we are beginning to plan for Christmas! Anyway, for your diary:

Sunday 13 December - 10.00am Carol service

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

Christmas Day – 9.00am Holy Communion

### **A few reasons why God never received tenure at any university.**

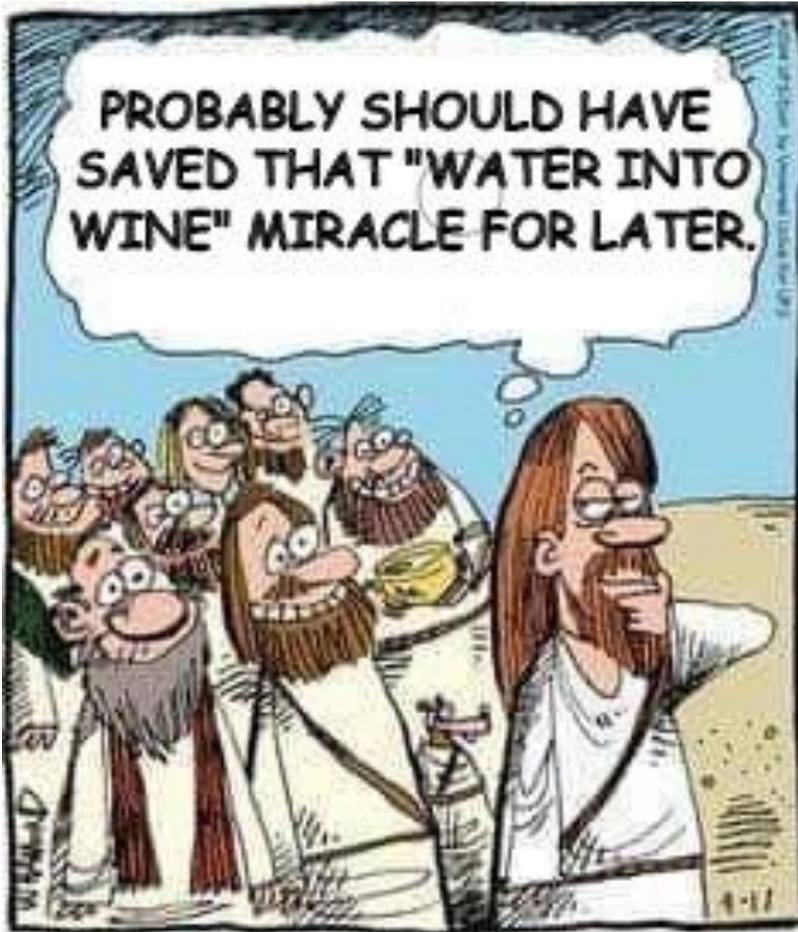
1. He had only one major publication.
2. It was in Hebrew
3. Some doubt he wrote it himself.
4. The scientific community can't replicate his results.
5. Some say he had his son teach the class.
6. He expelled his first two students.
7. Although there were only 10 requirements, most students failed.

### **Time for a smile**

A man walks into the doctor's. He has a carrot in one ear, a banana in the other and a cucumber stuck up his nose. 'Well, I can tell your problem,' says the doctor. 'You're not eating properly.'

### **Website**

Our website is in the process of being redesigned. The renovated model should be up and running very soon.



**To Ponder**

'The capacity to care is the thing that gives life its deepest meaning and significance.'  
Anon.

**YouTube service**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Y5godWDC28>

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