

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

### **Advent**

Adam Grazanio, age 10, of Queens, New York, had suffered massive head injuries in November 1995 in a skating accident and lay comatose in a New York hospital. His mother, Margaret Grazanio, kept constant vigil at his bedside and consequently lost her job.

As Advent dawned, Adam came out of his coma. His first word was 'Mommy.' And then he said, 'God smiled on me.' Rejoicing over her son's words, Margaret said, 'I'll remember it as my Christmas gift that came early.'

Christmas is a time when the world rejoices because God smiled on us and gave the gift of the new 'Adam.'

*'Gabriel appeared to Mary and said, "Greetings, favoured woman! The Lord is with you!"'*  
Luke 1:28

### **Carol Service**

Next Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>) at 10.00am. Come and enjoy the Christmas spirit and sing along with your favourite carols. Bring a friend.

### **Christmas services**

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

Christmas Day – 9.00am Holy Communion.

### **Reverend Onosai Auva'a**

It has a nice ring to it! Last Saturday Onosai was ordained deacon in a wonderful service in the Cathedral. Following that Onosai and his family hosted a celebration at King's College. Over 250 were entertained with dancing, singing, speeches and presentations in a truly magnificent afternoon, an occasion worthy of such celebration

We are very proud of you, Sai.

### **Lloyd Armstrong**

On Friday we farewelled Lloyd who passed away last week. Lloyd, along with his dear Joyce, who left us last year, has been a loyal member of our congregation. He will now be enjoying getting to know his God on a much more personal level.

### **Nativity Lights**

Many thanks to Peter Darier who has once again overseen the erecting of the nativity lights on the northern side of our church. They have become quite a feature for anyone driving down Chapel Road after dark at this time of the year.

### **Promotion of Carol Service.**

A big thank you to Joseph George for putting together a promotion for our Carol service. This has gone out on Facebook.

## Finances

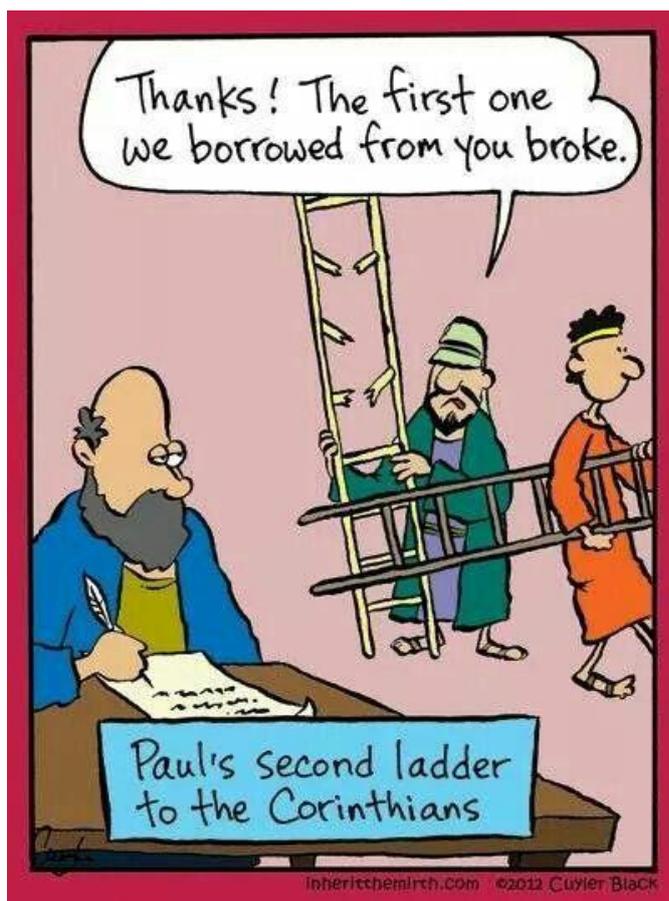
The end of the financial year for our church is looming (December 31<sup>st</sup>). If you would like to help us to end the year on a good note, please consider contributing – 06 0991 0056055 00

I do want to express my gratitude to all those who have supported us financially throughout this difficult year. It is greatly appreciated.

On that note, I will be putting out a final newsletter for the year next week in which I will offer a few reflections on what has been a unique year.

## Time for a Smile

A woman walks into a clothes shop and says, 'Could I try on that dress in the window?' 'You can if you want,' says the sales assistant, 'but customers usually prefer the changing room.'



## To Ponder

'It's not what you do, but how much love you put into it that matters.' Mother Teresa

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