

## Newsletter 13 February 2021

### **The Tyranny of Yeast**

According to a survey held not so long ago, bread makers have become one of the most popular gifts for newlyweds. The popularity of homemade bread has soared. That revelation comes as no surprise to bread lovers everywhere. There is nothing more scrumptious than a fresh-baked loaf of bread, lathered with butter. It literally melts in your mouth.

But there'd a problem. Certain breads require 'bread starters' that have to be fed each day. And the more you use it, the more it supplies. Pretty soon you have to give some away in order to keep it going. Before you know it, you are captive to the 'tyranny of yeast.'

What a perfect metaphor for the church. *The more we participate, the more the love of God grows.* And out of abundance, we pass it on.

We are blessed with a wonderful congregation. I know we can grow and so pass on God's love to the growing community on our doorstep.

### **Ash Wednesday**

There will be a service to mark Ash Wednesday next week (Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>), beginning at 7.00pm. Our friends from the Samoan and Tongan Methodist congregations will be joining us.

If you still have your palm cross from last year, could you please bring it to church on Sunday. We use the ashes from the burning of these for the anointing at this service.

### **Two Services**

A reminder that as from Sunday 21 February, we will be holding two services every Sunday morning.

8.30am Holy Communion. This will be a conventional order of service and will probably include the singing of a couple of hymns.

10.00am Holy Communion. This will be more praise and worship in flavour, with more focus on singing. By and large, it will be very similar to our services in recent weeks.

### **Lent Group**

This will get under way on Monday February 22 and we will meet every Monday in the hall through to Monday 29 March. We will be having a close look at the Parable of the Prodigal Son and exploring how this story relates to us on a personal level.

We will meet at 6.30pm for pizzas and then begin our study at 7.00pm, finishing at 8.00pm. You don't have to sign up – just come along.

### **Time for a Smile**

A man calls a wrong number at 3 o'clock in the morning. 'Hello', he says, 'is that the Farmer's Arms?' 'No it's not,' says a voice, 'this is a private number.' 'Oh, I must have dialled the wrong number,' says the man, 'I'm sorry to have troubled you.' 'Oh, it's no trouble,' says the voice, 'I had to get up to answer the phone anyway.'

### **Website**

Our new website is not far away from launch date. Watch this space.

## Food Bank

A reminder that we collect non-perishable food at church, which is donated to the South Auckland Christian Food Bank. Many thanks for your generosity to date.



## To Ponder

'God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home.' French proverb

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