

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter March 2021

Forgiveness

There is the story of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, who was sailing to America when he witnessed the keel-hauling of a member of the crew for an offence aboard the ship. This was a particularly cruel form of punishment as it meant being tied to a rope, thrown overboard, drawn under the vessel and out the other side. There was always the chance you would drown.

The captain said to John Wesley as they watched, 'You see, Mr Wesley, I never forgive.' It was not for John Wesley to question the captain's power of command but he could and did question that statement. He replied, 'Then, sir, I hope you never sin.'

How can we ever expect forgiveness if we are not prepared to extend forgiveness ourselves?

'If you forgive others, you will be forgiven.' Luke 6:37

AGM

A reminder that our AGM will take place following the 10.15am service on Sunday 28 March. It is not a long meeting but it is an important meeting so I do hope you are able to stay on for it.

If you would like to put your name forward for vestry, please let me know, or speak to Noleen (Peoples Warden).

End of Financial Year

A reminder also that the end of the financial year is imminent. Make sure your giving is up to date and that you receive your tax rebate in this financial year. We have a small deficit at this point but I am sure we can soon move into the black.

Fundraising Event

We are planning to hold a social evening on Friday 30 April in the hall in order to raise money for our church build. Details will follow but it will be 'bring a plate' and there will be a variety of entertainment on offer. If you would like to contribute with a song/dance etc, please let either Joseph or me know.

On that note, if you would like to be part of a committee to plan both this and any future event, please let us know.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday: 7.00pm Washing of Feet

Good Friday: 10.00am Journey to the Cross

Easter Sunday: 9.00am Holy Communion 10.15am Holy Communion

NB – Daylight saving ends Easter Sunday.

Palm Crosses

We will be meeting in the hall on Saturday 27 at 10.00am in order to make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday service the next day. Any assistance you can offer would be most welcome.

Website

Our new website has been launched. Please have a look. Check out the section on our new church build. We will continue to develop the site, so we are open to any suggestions you might have.

Campaign Secretary

We would like to hire a part-time secretary for our fundraising programme. This would involve overseeing the finances and corresponding with donors. If you are at all interested, please get in touch with me.

World Vision Positions

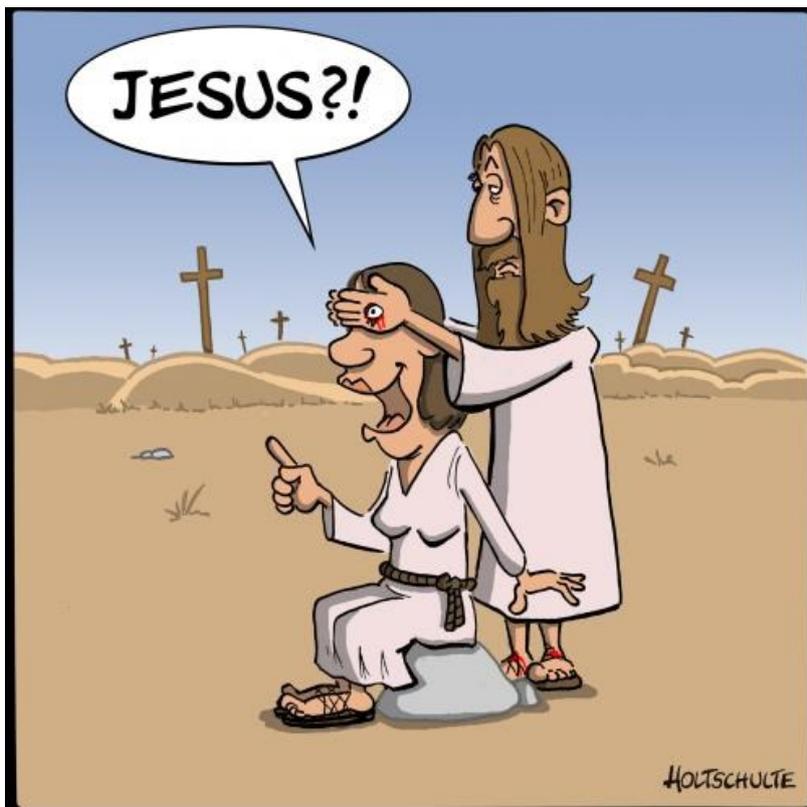
World Vision is looking to hire a Church Event Manager and a Church Event Manager. If you are interested, here are the links.

[Church Event Manager Job in Auckland - SEEK](#)

[Church Event Coordinator Job in Auckland - SEEK](#)

To ponder

'Always judge a person by the way they treat someone who can be of no possible use to them.' Anon.



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