

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 12 April 2021

Giving

A lonely cabin, known to be inhabited, had been sighted in a deep mountain valley almost buried by snow drifts.

The rescue squad went into action. The team fought its way down icy crags, cliffs and through heavy snow. Finally, they arrived at the mound of snow that covered the cabin. Only the tip of the chimney was visible. They dug until they reached the door of the cabin and pried it open.

They found themselves face to face with a gaunt man with a scraggly beard. 'We're from the Red Cross,' they announced triumphantly.

'Well,' drawled the mountain man, scratching his tousled beard, 'it's been a right tough winter and I don't see I kin give you anything this year.'

At our AGM recently we reported that we finished the financial year (December 31) in a healthy position. This is due in no small part to the generosity of our congregation. A very big 'thank you.' Giving lies at the heart of what it means to be a Christian community. IT is also very important in terms of our personal welfare and wellbeing.

'We make a living by what we get and a life by what we give.' Winston Churchill.

'...for God loves the one who gives gladly.' 2 Corinthians 9:7b.

Fundraising Evening

Put this date in your diary – **Friday April 30**. More details will follow soon, but this will be held in our hall in order to raise money for the building fund. We will be asking everyone to bring a dish of food that expresses something of their culture. There will be a variety of entertainment, and indeed, a great deal of fun to be had.

If you would like to contribute to the entertainment, please let either me or Joseph George (022 059 7072) know.

Contact List

Many thanks to Jenny Burrow for producing our updated contact list. These are available from the table inside the hall door. This list doesn't include addresses – they are recorded on our roll. Please let us know if anything needs to be changed.

Special Meeting

At our AGM I omitted a small but important procedural matter. We elected the new members to vestry but those existing members of vestry who will be continuing in their role, were not re-elected. We will be holding a special meeting at the conclusion of our 10.15am service on Sunday 25 April to rectify this.

We welcome Ajini Mathew, Cherian Mathew, Ngaire Rowson and Viv Siu on to vestry. Those continuing on vestry are Noleen Tuck (People's warden), Karen Peat (Priest's warden), Stephen Peat (Treasurer), Lorna Whyte (Synod rep), Rev Ann Mclean, Myra Curlett, Peter Darier, Joseph George, Sheryl Hogan, Joshana Pillay.

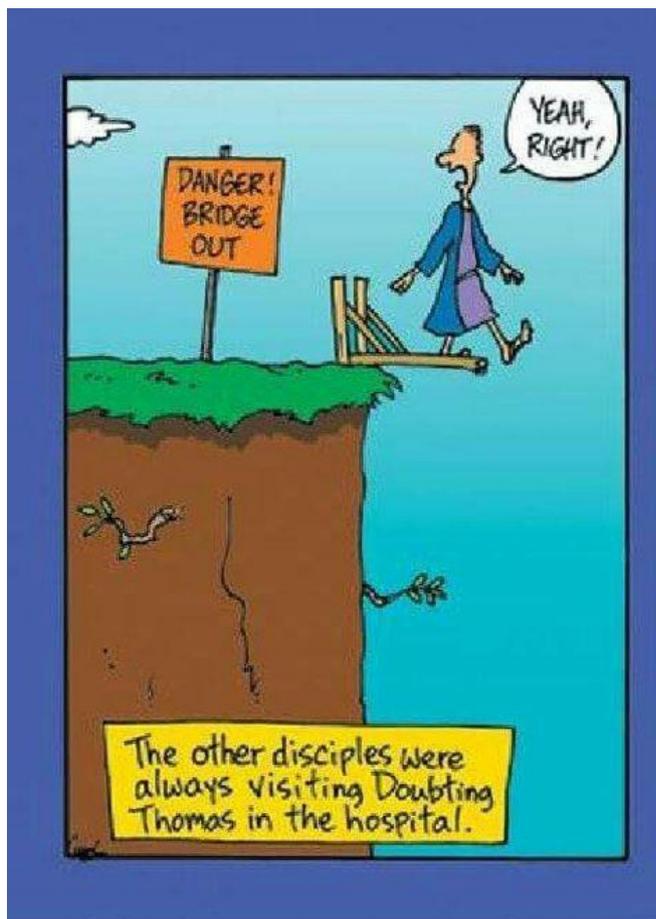
We give thanks to Rosalina Siu and Maureen Brown for their contribution to vestry, especially Maureen who has given several years of service.

Pastoral Visiting

A minister goes to a nursing home to visit an elderly parishioner. As he is sitting there, he notices a bowl of peanuts beside her bed and takes one. As they continue their conversation, he can't help himself and eats one after another.

By the time he is ready to leave, the bowl is empty. He says to his parishioner, 'I am so sorry but I appear to have eaten all your peanuts.'

'That's ok,' she says, 'they would have just sat there anyway. Without my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off and put them back!'



To Ponder

'It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.' Howard Ruff

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