

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 26 April 2021

Sin

Many years ago, the smaller farmers of Scotland, being superstitious folk, kept a corner of their fields uncultivated in order to pacify certain evil spirits. They believed that by sacrificing this one corner to the spirits, the remainder of the field would be left undisturbed and fertile. What really happened, of course, is that the weeds in the uncultivated corner went to seed, which was, in turn, carried by the wind and scattered across the entire field.

So it is with our lives. Sin in any area of our lives, albeit a small area, taints our whole life.

'Nor must you surrender any part of yourself to sin. Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes.' Romans 6:13

Fundraising Evening

This is being held this coming Friday (30th) in the hall in support of our Church Build. Entry fee is \$10 per head or \$25 per family. Bring a plate, preferably something which reflects your culture, but in the end, all food is welcome! Eftpos is available. We begin at 7.00pm, and we do ask you to try and be punctual as the meal needs to be concluded by 8.00pm at which point entertainment will begin with the arrival of Tom Tom the Clown.

A few items will be up for auction. If you have access to anything that might possibly be auctioned, please let me know. If you can sing, dance, juggle, tell jokes or just pull funny faces, please also let me know.

New Vestry

The following constitute our new vestry:

Rev Warner Wilder (Chair), Noleen Tuck (People's Warden), Karen Peat (Priest's Warden), Stephen Peat (Treasurer), Lorna Whyte (Synod Rep), Rev Ann Mclean, Rev Sheryl Hogan, Myra Curlett, Peter Darier, Joshana Pillay, Joseph George, Ajini Mathew, Cherian Mathew, Ngairé Rowson, Viv Siu.

Our church is in good hands and we wish them well for what is an exciting but challenging year ahead.

Tax Receipts

These have been posted. We need to allow for the efficacy of NZ Post, but if you haven't received yours by early next week, please let me know.

Time for a Smile

Two men are fishing by the riverbank. A funeral procession passes by over the bridge. One of the men stands up, takes off his cap and solemnly holds it to his chest. When he sits down, his friend says, 'That was a nice gesture.' 'Well, says the first fisherman,' it was the least I could do. She was a good wife to me.'

Financial Report

At the end of last month, our church operating account was still in the red, albeit only by about \$1,000. It would be good to move into a credit balance by the end of this month. A reminder that our bank account number is 06 0991 0056055 00.

South Auckland Christian Food Bank

A reminder to bring along to church any contributions you might be able to make.



" SHOW ME IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WHERE IT
SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT SPEEDING ! "

To Ponder

'Many people owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.'
CH Spurgeon

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