

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter May 2021

Forgiveness

It is said that, when Leonardo da Vinci was working on his painting, 'The Last Supper', he became angry with someone. Losing his temper, he lashed out at the man with bitter words. Returning to his canvas, he attempted to work on the face of Jesus, but was unable to do so. He was so upset he could not compose himself for the painstaking work. Finally, he put down his tools and sought out the man and asked for forgiveness. The man accepted his apology and Leonardo was able to return to his workshop and finish painting the face of Jesus.

There is no doubt that if we harbour negative or angry feelings towards someone that this will get in the way of our relationship with God. God is a God of love, and if we are unable to completely embrace that, then we are unable to get close to God.

'My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry. Your anger can never make things right in God's sight.' James 1:19-20

Pentecost Sunday

This coming Sunday! A very important day in our church calendar, regarded as the birthday of our Christian church. Please come along if you possibly can and join in the celebrations.

Finances

At the end of April we were running at a deficit of approximately \$7,000. This is disappointing. I appreciate that the challenge of raising the funds necessary to build our new church does create a financial burden for us. However, as I stated in a previous newsletter, it is important that we don't sacrifice the running of our church in the process. I believe the expression is 'robbing Peter to pay Paul.'

Can I suggest that if you have to make a choice between supporting the building fund or the running of our church, you choose the latter. We will raise the funds for our build but it is important that we maintain a financially healthy church in the meantime.

Fundraising

On that note, at last we have been able to gain some momentum. Over these next two months there will be critical meetings with potential donors taking place. Your prayers are needed!

We held a very successful fundraising evening in the hall three weeks ago. We raised \$3,600 (a tremendous effort) but I believe what was just as important was that it was a real fun occasion, bringing so many people together. We are most grateful for the contribution made by both the Samoan and Tongan congregations towards the success of the evening. A reminder – if you want to donate to the building fund, the account number is 06 0991 0056055 01. If you want to donate to our church operating fund, the suffix changes to 00.

Jammies in June

We will be collecting kids' pyjamas in the coming weeks in support of the Middlemore Hospital Jammies in June appeal. They can be new or used, but in very good condition. Button down in front. Please drop off at the church.

Time for a Smile

The phone rings in the school office one morning. The secretary answers and a voice says, 'I am phoning to let you know that little Jimmy is not well today and won't be coming to school.' 'Oh dear,' says the secretary. 'Who is this speaking?' 'This is my father,' says the voice.

Sunday 9.00am service

It has been decided by vestry that on the first Sunday of each month, the 9.00am service will be a Reserved Sacrament service conducted by Rev Ann. This means it will still be a Holy Communion service, but the liturgy will change. The sentiment behind this move is to give me a small break. I will still be leading the 10.15am service.



(See Matthew 10:29-31)

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WE ONLY HAVE TO NUMBER THE HEAD HAIRS,
RIGHT?

South Auckland Christian Food Bank

Just a reminder to keep those contributions coming.

To Ponder

'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.' Aesop.

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