

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 4 October 2021

Service

Dr Grenfell, the dedicated physician of Labrador, in the bleak north-east of Canada, usually invited co-workers to his mission work in the manner of one inviting another on a fishing trip – no money in it, but you'll have a great time. Once he came with a request for help to one of the head nurses in the famous John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He said to her, 'If you want to have the time of your life, come with me and run a hospital next summer for the orphans of the north land. There will not be a cent of money in it for you, and you'll have to pay your own expenses, but I will guarantee that you will feel a love for life you have never experienced. It's having the time of one's life to be in the service of Christ.' She went, and when she she came back she wrote, 'I never knew before that life was good for anything but what one could get out of it. Now I know that the real fun lies in seeing how much one can put into life for others.'

As Christians, we are asked to care for one another. That's the simple but all too important maxim of our religion. The beauty of this guiding principle is that it workd both ways. Obviously, the person being cared for gains, but so also does the carer.

'So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest.' Galatians 6:9

Raffle – oops!

A thousand apologies, but a digit in the bank a/c number in the last couple of newsletters is wrong! The bank a/c number is 06 0991 0056055 01. So a reminder, \$10/ticket. \$50 a book of 5 tickets. Deposit money, drop me an email and I will allocate you ticket numbers. Prize – two His and Hers hampers.

Time for a Smile

When an ambitious lawyer hears that a well-known judge has died, he quickly emails his superiors to let them know he would be willing to take his place. Their reply is not slow in coming: 'That's fine with us, but you'd better check with the undertaker.'

Another Perspective of God from an 8-year-old

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

Lockdown

There is some light at the end of the tunnel, albeit a rather faint light, but in the meantime we just have to brave it out. Can I just reiterate what I have said before, get on that phone! A phone call can be a great comfort in these challenging times.



“He only got this job because of who his dad is.”

To Ponder

‘Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don’t recognise them.’

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