

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 12 December 2021

Example

One day St Francis of Assisi said to one of his young monks, 'Let us go down to the town and preach.' The novice, delighted at being singled out to be the companion of the master, obeyed with alacrity. They passed through the principal streets, turned down many of the byways and alleys, and returned to the monastery gate. As they approached it, the young man reminded Francis of his original intention. 'Father, you have forgotten that we went to the town to preach!'

Francis replied, My son, we *have* preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many people; our behaviour has been closely observed; it was thus that we preached. It is of no use, my son, to walk anywhere unless we preach everywhere as we walk.'

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

The eye is a better pupil and much sharper than the ear.'

Fine counsel can confuse me, but an example's always clear. Author unknown.

'Setting an example is not the main method of influencing others, it is the only method.' Albert Einstein

'And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good deeds of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching.'

Timothy 2:7

Piano to Give Away

I have a friend who is moving house and has a lovely upright piano that needs a home. It is a beautiful small English Marshall and Rose. If you are interested, please get in touch with me.

Back to Church

A reminder that we will be congregating for worship next Sunday (19th). There will be just the one service at 9.30am. We will meet in the hall so as to facilitate 1m distancing. My Vaccine Passes will be needed for entry and face masks to be worn.

I reiterate what I said in last week's email – in terms of needing a My Vaccine Pass to gain entry into the service, we appreciate this has implications for some people, who for genuine reasons have chosen not to be vaccinated. It is of the utmost importance that you feel supported and part of our church community. I would be grateful if you could get in touch with me and we can have a chat about it.

Christmas Services.

We are holding a vestry meeting tomorrow evening and I will be sending out an email Tuesday morning with information.

Glorious Put-downs

'I didn't attend the funeral but I did send a nice letter saying I approved of it.' Mark Twain

'He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary.'

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

Time for a Smile

A husband and a wife enter a dentist's office. The husband says, 'I want a tooth pulled out. I don't want gas or an injection as I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible.'

'You're a brave man,' says the dentist. 'Now, show me which tooth it is.'

The husband turns to his wife and says, 'Open your mouth, dear, and show the dentist which tooth it is.'



To Ponder

'The world is full of willing people – those willing to work and those willing to let them.'

Anon

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