

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 11 April 2022 Easter

*A story tells of a little boy playing hide-and-seek with his friends. For some unknown reason, they stopped playing while he was still hiding. He began to cry and his grandfather came out of the house to see what was troubling him and to comfort him.*

*After learning what had happened, the grandfather said, 'Do not weep, my child, because the boys did not come to find you. Perhaps you can learn a lesson from this disappointment. All of life is like a game between God and us. Only it is God who is weeping because we are not playing the game fairly. God is waiting to be found, but many have gone in search of other things.'*

It is in the Resurrection of Jesus that God is revealed to us. It is in the Resurrection of Jesus that we find a whole new relationship with God. Let's make sure this Easter we intently seek him; that we are totally focused, to the exclusion of any distractions. Let's be honest, there are countless distractions out there!

'It was early on Sunday morning when Jesus rose from the dead.....' Mark 16:9

'A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.' Mahatma Ghandi.

### **Easter Services**

Good Friday: 10.00am Celebration of Christ's Passion

Easter Sunday: 9.30am Holy Communion.

### **Simnel Cake**

Following our service on Easter Sunday, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a Simnel cake baked for us by Rhys Bean. A big thank you to Rhys.

### **Phones in Church – Poster found in a church in France.**

When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear the 'call of God'. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to him. If you want to see Him, send him a txt while you are driving.

### **Food Bank**

As we are now gathering for worship, please give some thought to bringing along non-perishable items for our food bank.

### **Building Progress**

I am reluctant to get too far ahead of myself but we have managed to raise enough money to make a start on stage 1 of our build. However, there are still a few hoops to jump through before that can happen. I do hope to have some good news soon.

### Raffle

It has been a long time getting to this point but this is your last chance to take a ticket in the raffle for the His/Hers hamper. \$10/ticket. 06 0991 0056055 01. Name in Particulars and Raffle in Reference.

### Onosai Auva'a

Congratulations to Onosai on his appointment as Vicar of St George's, Papatoetoe. He will take up that position in June.



### To Ponder

'One person can make a difference but every person must try.'

John F Kennedy

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