

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 4 May 2022

Giving

The Colgate-Palmolive Company is one of the oldest in America, going back nearly two hundred years. It was started by a young man named William Colgate. He left home at sixteen years of age to seek his fortune, and everything he owned in the world was tied in a bundle that he carried over his shoulder. But as he walked on his way to the city, he met an old neighbour and the words the old man spoke to him stayed with him for his entire life.

'Well, William, where are you going?' asked the old man. 'I don't know. Father is too poor to keep me at home and says I must make a living for myself. I don't know how to do anything except make soap and candles.' 'Well, let me pray for you and give you a little advice,' and the old man prayed for William. He then said this, 'Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; make an honest soap and give to the Lord a portion of every dollar you make. I am certain you will be a prosperous man.'

When William arrived in New York, he found a job and joined a church. He gave ten percent of the first dollar he earned to God. As he entered the soap business and became more and more successful, he gave twenty percent of his income, then thirty percent, then fifty percent, until late in his life he became so successful that he was giving one hundred percent!

Today, two hundred years later, many of us brush our teeth or wash our faces each day with products from that young man's factory.

Tithing is an interesting issue and people do have a variety of views on the matter. Suffice to say, giving to charity (which includes our church!) should be an important part of our commitment as Christians, not to mention, our church community. True giving must involve some sacrifice, otherwise is it really giving?!

'You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly; for God loves the person who is a cheerful giver.' 2 Corinthians 9:7

New Vestry

At our recent AGM, the following were elected to be our vestry for the next twelve months. Noleen Tuck (People's warden), Karen Peat (Priest's warden), Lorna Whyte (Synod rep), Lloyd Powys (Treasurer) Rev Ann Mclean, Peter Darier, Joseph George, Ajini Mathew, Cherian Mathew, Charles Nikora, Stephen Peat, Ngaire Rowson, Viv Siu. Congratulations!

Myra Curlett's many years of service was acknowledged and a vote of thanks passed.

Time for a Smile

Reputedly a true exchange -

Lady Astor: 'If you were my husband I'd poison your brandy.'

Winston Churchill: 'If you were my wife I'd drink it.'

Husband: 'I'm going to make you the happiest woman in the world.'

Wife: 'I'll miss you.'

Build

Some excellent news – following a presentation to the Development Fund committee, I have received a letter from Sonia Maugham, Diocesan Manager, informing me that Diocesan Council have agreed to:

1. Finance the land swap with the Auckland Council (approx. \$475,000).
2. Make available an interest-free loan of \$400,000 which will enable us to draw up a fixed-term building contract.

This is tremendous! It means we can now work towards getting a contract drawn up. There are still a couple of items to be ticked off but this is a major step forward.

Tax Receipts

Hopefully, these will be available in the not too distant future. Trust Management have been under some pressure due to staff shortages, and their task has been amplified by our building appeal.



Raffle

Our raffle for the His/Hers hampers has finally been drawn. Congratulations to Kevin Harper (Hers) and Nicholas and Taonga Wilder (His). A big thank you to Viv and Ngaire for their organisation.

Morning Tea

If you would like to be included in the roster, please contact Ajini (09 273 5445).

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