

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter 29 September 2022

### Judging

*The story is told of a man who never married. His friend said to him, 'How is it that you have never married?' The man replied, 'I have spent my whole life looking for the perfect woman.' 'Oh', said the friend, 'didn't you find her?' 'Oh, I found her alright,' said the man. 'Well', responded the friend, 'why didn't you marry her?' 'She was looking for the perfect man!'*

I like this story. It speaks of more than marriage. None of us is perfect. Yet we can be so judgmental of others. It is a human failing we are all prone to. We need to be aware of our own failings before passing judgment on others.

'Why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own.' Matthew 7:3

### Memorial Service

On Monday we combined with St Luke's Catholic Church to hold a very successful memorial service for the late Queen Elizabeth 11. It was a wonderful occasion and many people commented that we should be coming together more frequently. I am most grateful to Father Craig for extending the invitation to us and for hosting us.

### Finances

We continue to operate well into the red for the year (approx. \$14,000). I do appreciate that these are not easy times and we are most grateful for the support we receive. If you do feel moved to help out, a reminder of our bank a/c number: 06 0991 0056055 00.

### Two Services

It is so good to be back to two services and especially to be back in our lovely church for the early service. Just a reminder – 9.00am Holy Communion in the church, 10.15am Praise and Worship with Holy Communion in the hall.

### Sunday School

I want to acknowledge the wonderful ministry of Bernie Adonis. She puts a huge amount of work into each Sunday's session and her creativity really is something else.

### Sound System

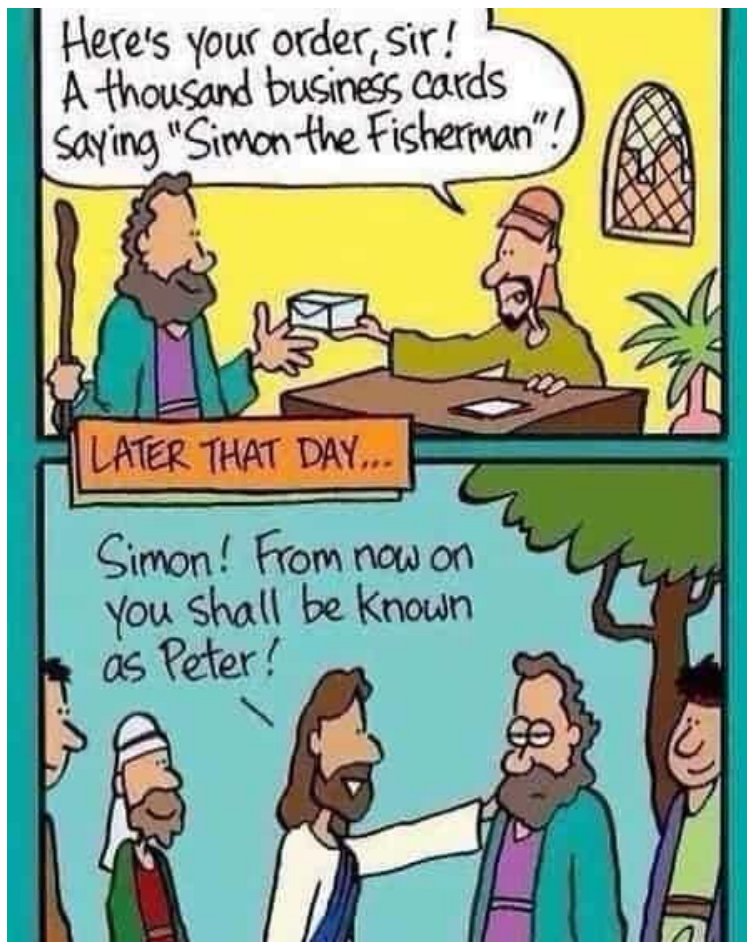
And speaking of 'Adonis', I also would like to acknowledge the great work Joss does in setting up and monitoring our sound system. Our musicians and speakers would be far less effective without his expertise and ministrations.

### Time for a Smile – 'quick thinking'.

Three men are due to be executed by firing squad. The first man steps up and as the firing squad raise their guns, he shouts, 'Tornado!'. The firing squad all turn to look and the man takes his chance, runs off and escapes.

The second man steps up. Again, just as the firing squad are raising their guns, he shouts, 'Earthquake!' The firing squad all turn to look and the man escapes.

Finally, the third man is led to before the firing squad and thinks he will try the same trick. The firing squad raise their guns and the man shouts, 'Fire!'



**To Ponder – Life after Death**

'When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. May you live your life so that when you die, the world will cry and you will rejoice.' Anon.

No explanation needed!

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