

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter June 2023

Giving

When Mother Teresa visited Los Angeles some years ago, a physician named Gerald Jampolski heard her speak. Attracted by the spiritual power that emanated from her, he asked her, 'Would it be alright if I accompanied you on your coming tour to Mexico? Whenever I am around you, I feel the presence of God.'

She replied, 'Dr Jampolski, I do not object to you joining me, but you said you wanted to experience inner peace. So find out how much it costs to fly to Mexico and give that money to feed and clothe someone in need, and you will find the inner peace you seek.'

Dr Jampolski followed her advice and discovered that she was right. That portion of our money that brings us the deepest joy and lasts the longest is that which we give away.

'The generous prosper and are satisfied; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.' Proverbs 11:25

'God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.' 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

Finances

On that note, we continue to be in the red for the year to date – by about \$5,000. Perhaps those tax receipts might go some way towards helping us into the black?!

And just in case you had mislaid it, our bank a/c number is 06 0991 0056055 00.

Social

Put a ring around Friday 11 August in your diary. We will be holding a social in the hall, beginning at 6.00pm. More details will follow but there will be a small entry fee, bring a plate and perhaps you might entertain the notion of performing an item!

The idea is primarily to have a good time together, but also to raise some money for our church.

Jammies in June

The time is running out for those jammies. At the moment we have received only 4 pairs. If you are able to contribute something over the next week, that would be great.

South Auckland Christian Food Bank

Recently I attended the opening and blessing of their new premises at 75A Wiri Station Road, Manukau. They are so very grateful for the contributions made by the people of our church. Thank you, and keep it up! I don't need to tell you how badly-needed that food is right now.

Time for a Smile – Birthdays

Why are birthdays good for you? *The more you have, the longer you live*

'When is your birthday?' *'September 3rd.'*

'Which year?' *'Every year.'*

One Service

Just a reminder that we are now holding just the one service each Sunday – 9.30am in the church. This will be for the duration of Winter. We will continue to record our service and send out via YouTube as per usual.



To Ponder

'If you want others to be happy, practise compassion. If you want to be happy, practise compassion.' Dalai Lama

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