

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter July 2023

Sin

A little girl was very mean to her younger brother; she treated him so badly, he went crying to his mother. When the mother learned what had happened, she said to the little girl, 'Mary, why did you let Satan put it into your heart to pull your brother's hair and kick him in the shins?' The little girl thought about this for a moment, and then answered, 'Well, Mother, maybe Satan did put it into my heart to pull my brother's hair, but kicking him in the shins was my own idea.'

There is no doubt that Satan does roam the earth drawing us into all sorts of nefarious deeds but, of course, we do have to take responsibility for our wrongdoings ourselves, and that is why it is so important that our prayers should always include, '*Lord, please forgive me.*' A relationship with God can never be attained without that entreaty.

'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.' 1 John 1:9

Social

Friday 11 August 6.00pm in the hall. Join us for a fun evening and also a chance to raise money for our church. Entry \$10, \$20 for family. Bring a plate. There will be an auction of a variety of items, so be prepared! Eftpos will be available. Males, wear something blue; girls, something pink.

Entertainment will be on offer, however, that is very much in your hands! Can you dance, sing, tell a story or just pull a funny face? Let me know and you will be called upon.

Build

Progress has been slow but there is some light ahead. We are hoping to be able to sit down with the construction company soon in order to revisit their tender. So much rests on the outcome of that. We do need the land swap to be signed off before the contract with the construction company can be actioned. We are assured this is imminent.

The contract for the waste water line is close to being finalised and the intention is that will get under way at the beginning of October.

Prayer Requests

Thank you to those who have responded to my weekly request for prayer regarding our build. The power of prayer is real and we need prayer to not only make our way through life, but also to achieve those goals which might seem to be just beyond our reach.

'When we pray we are demonstrating our belief in a power that is greater than our own.' Anon

Jammies in June

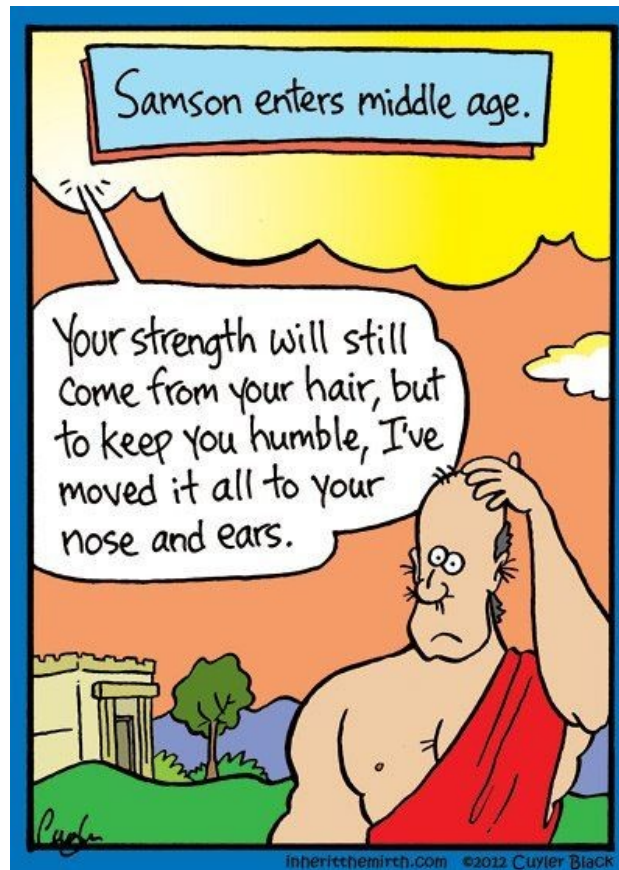
Thank you so very much for your response to the Jammies in June appeal. I have had an email from the Middlemore Foundation expressing their gratitude. And thank you to Rhys Bean for delivering them to the Kidz First Hospital.

Time for a Smile

Thoughts of the young on marriage.

'You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.' Alan, age 10.

'It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.'
Anita, age 9. (A worldly observation for a 9-year-old)



To Ponder

'Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are endless.'
Mother Teresa.

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