



## **St Paul's in the Park Newsletter September 2023**

### **Giving**

*At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. 'I'm a millionaire,' he said, 'and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that all I had was one dollar and I had to either give it all to God's work or give nothing at all. So at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today.'*

*When he finished and moved back to his seat, there was an awed silence. A little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, 'I dare you to do it again.'*

We have often spoken about giving as lying at the heart of what it means to serve God, and invariably the focus is on making sacrifices in terms of time and endeavour in support of those in need, but in some instances, making some financial sacrifice can be equally important and appropriate (*see below!*).

### **Finances**

We continue to struggle to make ends meet in terms of the day-to-day operation of our church. As at 31 August, we are \$6,900 in the red. We don't have large expenditure but unfortunately our income is not keeping pace with our outgoings. Our church needs your support!

'Honour the Lord with your wealth.' Proverbs 3:9

'Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future.' 1 Timothy 6:18-19.

And just in case you have waylaid our bank a/c number – 06 0991 0056055 00

### **Time for a Smile – Giving**

A one dollar note met a 20 dollar note and said, 'Hey, where've you been? I haven't seen you around here much.'

The 20 dollar note answered, 'I've been hanging out at the casinos, went on a cruise and did the rounds of the ship, back to New Zealand for a while, went to a couple of restaurants, to the shopping mall, that kind of stuff. What about you?'

The one dollar note said, 'You know, same old stuff, church, church, church.'

### **Food Bank**

Speaking of giving, keep that food coming! It is much-needed and hugely appreciated. If you are unable to drop it off at church, please let me know and I will arrange to have it collected from you.

### Jammies in June

Still on the theme of giving, thank you for your support of this year's Jammies in June appeal. Rhys Bean received this email from the Middlemore Foundation.

*From the Jammies in June team - Dame Valerie wanted us to share this message with you. "A huge shout out to the Jammie Army, what an incredible effort. I can't believe we almost doubled our target! I am humbled by what we can do when we work together for the good of others. Thanks to you all, 18,577 kids in my community are going to bed in warm jammies. That really means something. I am so proud."*

Well done!

### Anglican magazine

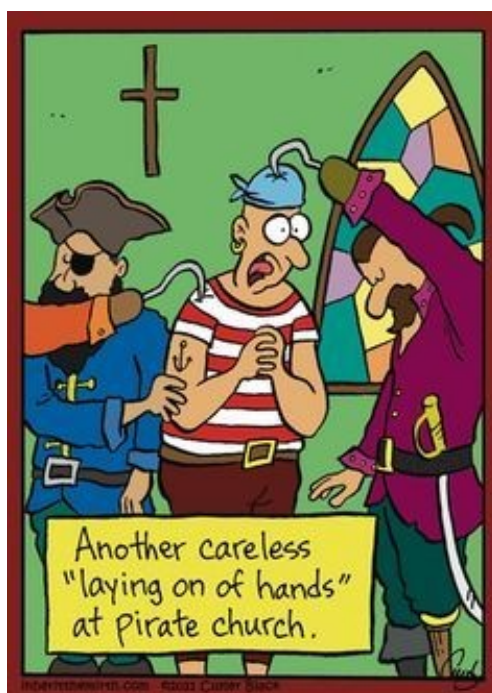
The Anglican will now be produced online. You can read a copy [here](#).

### Two services

At this stage we are looking to returning to two services on Sunday 30 October. Confirmation will be forthcoming later.

### Fundraising

Being mindful of our financial situation, we are planning to hold a car boot sale on Saturday 18 November. Details will follow soon but put this date in your diary, and give some thought as to what you might be able to sell and to booking your car for a slot.



### Daylight Saving

Don't forget to turn those clocks forward tomorrow evening!

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