

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter April 2024

Buried Treasure

The farmer in this story was a very wealthy, hard-working man, but his sons were lazy and greedy. Before he died, he told them that they would find his treasure buried in the fields. Naturally, as soon as he was gone, they rushed to the fields and dug furiously. All their efforts to find treasure, however proved fruitless. 'Well,' said one, 'since the fields are all ploughed, we might as well plant a crop.'

This they did and it produced a rich and profitable harvest. They lived that year on the sale of their crop but then decided to try for the treasure again. The same thing happened: no gold, but another plentiful crop. This went on for several years. The once lazy sons were now used to working hard and living off the fruits of their labour. They had become efficient, happy men of the land, almost without being aware of it.

'This is what Father knew what would happen,' one of them suddenly realised. 'This is the inheritance he left us.'

Nothing worthwhile comes easy. Be prepared to work hard for whatever it is you want to achieve. If you are not prepared to do that, your expectations must necessarily be very low.

'Work hard and cheerfully at whatever you do.' Colossians 3:23

'Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds.' Gordon Hinckley

'Through hard work, perseverance and a faith in God, you can live your dreams.' Ben Carson

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Ross Bay, Bishop of Auckland, will be joining us for worship on Sunday 5 May at our usual 9.30am service. Do join us and give him a 'St Paul's' welcome.

David Lyle Morris

On Sunday 26 May, David Lyle Morris, well-known Christian singer-songwriter, will be joining us for worship, along with his son, Finlay, with whom he often sings. As well as singing, he will be sharing a message with us. Check him out on davidlylemorris.com!

Artificial Flowers

Noleen is looking for artificial flowers for the decoration of our worship space. If you are able to help, please give her a call – 027 534 2115.

Food Bank

Please do keep that food coming. The need continues to grow.

Tax Receipts

These should be on their way in the near future.

Time for a Smile

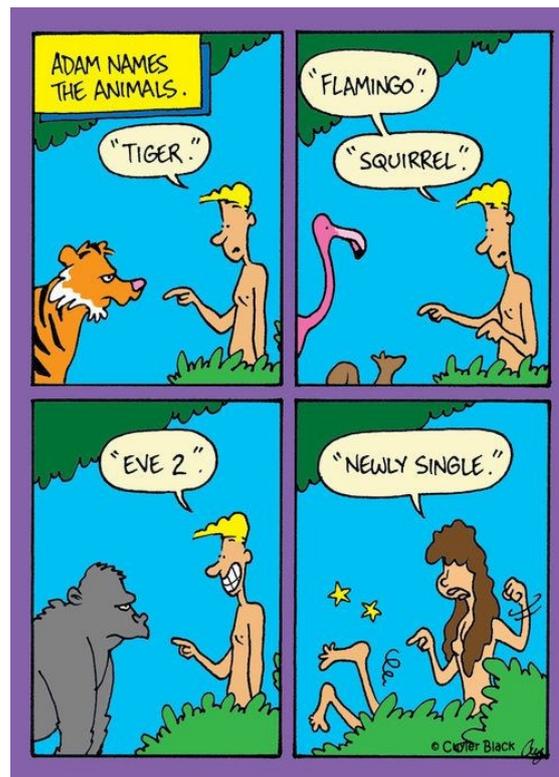
Here are a couple of actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews.

Problem: 'Test flight ok, except Autoland very rough.'

Solution: 'Autoland not installed on this aircraft.'

Problem: 'Number three engine missing.'

Solution: 'Engine found on right wing after brief search.'



To Ponder

'Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do.' Potter Stewart.

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