

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter May 2024

Honesty

He was born February 1809 in a Kentucky log cabin. His parents were poor, honest and devoutly religious. They lived enduring ideals of truth and taught them to their son. As a young man, he worked as a clerk in a general store near Salem, Illinois. One day, he inadvertently overcharged a woman 6 cents. After closing for the day, this conscientious clerk took the lady her change, a round trip of at least two miles on foot. On another occasion, when there were more customers in the store than usual, the young man gave short weight to a customer. Upon discovering the error, at first opportunity he tied up the four ounces of tea due to the shopper and walked a great distance to deliver it.

The man, of course, was Abraham Lincoln, and he carried that same honesty into his law practice, politics, and ultimately, the presidency of the United States. His character was so impeccable that he truly earned the nickname, 'Honest Abe.'

Honesty earns the respect from others and cultivates a close relationship with God. And a final word from another US president, Thomas Jefferson: '*Honesty is the first chapter in the first book of wisdom.*'

'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' Matthew 5:8

Build

Proceeding well. Several very large concrete slabs in place (front of the church itself) and the concrete floor for the main auditorium laid. Remainder of the concrete floor to be laid in the coming days.

You may not have seen this promotional link.

[St. Pauls In The Park build_1.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

David Morris/Bishop John

Unfortunately, David Lyle Morris, Christian musician, is unable to join us for worship on Sunday 26 May. We are hoping to reschedule for a later date.

However, I am delighted to give notice that Bishop John Paterson will be preaching on Sunday June 2nd.

Food Bank

Apologies for repeating myself, but there is such a dire need so please keep that food coming.

Pastoral Visiting

A minister goes to a nursing home to visit an elderly parishioner. As he is sitting there, he notices a bowl of peanuts beside her bed and takes one. As they continue their conversation, he can't help himself and eats one after another.

By the time he is ready to leave, the bowl is empty. He says to the parishioner, 'I'm sorry but I appear to have eaten all your peanuts.'

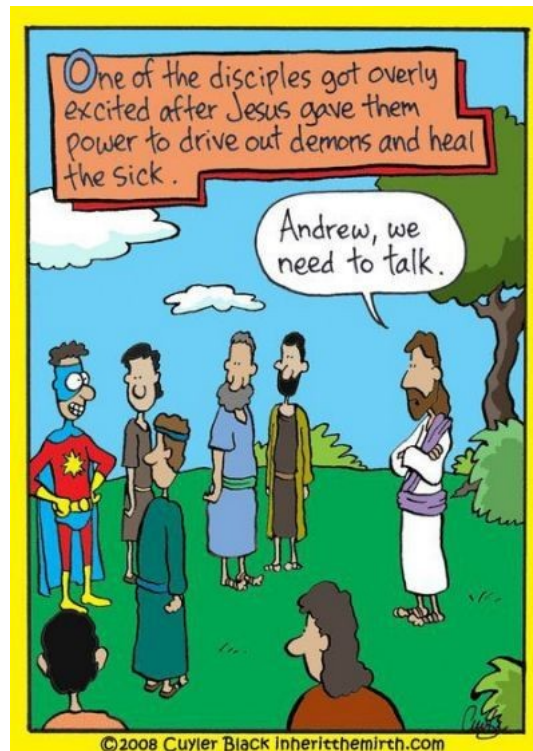
'That's ok,' she says, 'they would have just sat there anyway. Without my teeth, all I can do is suck the chocolate off and put them back!'

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday (19th). Very important day in our church calendar. Regarded as the birthday of our Christian Church. Come and celebrate!

Defibrillator

We now have a defibrillator in the hall. You don't have to learn how to use it as there are very clear instructions as per diagrams when you open it.



To Ponder

'Generosity is not so much the giving of things as it is the giving of one's self.' Anon

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