

## St Paul's in the Park Newsletter June 2024

### Giving

A lonely cabin, known to be inhabited, had been sighted in a deep mountain valley almost buried by snow drifts. The rescue squad went into action. The team fought its way down icy crags, cliffs and through heavy snow. Finally, they arrived at the mound of snow that covered the cabin. Only the tip of the chimney was visible. They dug until they reached the door of the cabin and pried it open.

They found themselves face to face with a gaunt man with a scraggly beard. 'We're from the Red Cross,' they announced triumphantly.

'Well,' drawled the mountain man, scratching his tousled beard, 'it's been a right tough winter and I don't see I kin give you anything this year.'

Giving lies at the heart of what it means to be a Christian community. Without people's generosity, we would be unable to function as an agent of ministry. So, a very big thank-you.

Giving is also very important in terms of our personal welfare and sense of wellbeing.

'We make a living by what we get and a life by what we give.'

Winston Churchill

'.....for God loves the one who gives gladly.' 2 Corinthians 9:7b

### Jammies for June

Many thanks to all those who contributed towards the Kidz First Jammies for June appeal. We were able to donate 50 pairs of pyjamas, so well done. As at 21 June, 12,560 pairs had been donated, the target being 15,000 by June 30. Thank you, Rhys, for coordinating our appeal.

### 40 Hour Challenge

Norah Joseph is taking part in the World Vision 40 Hour Challenge. She would value your support. Here is the link: <https://my.worldvision.org.nz/d/ss/PXG27D/norah-joseph>

Good luck, Norah, and well done!

### Services in Church

As from this Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>), we will move back to holding our Sunday service in the church. We will review this in the Spring.

### Fundraising Social

We will be holding a fundraising/social evening on Friday 18 October. Put it in your diary.

### Time for a Smile

A parishioner was coming out of church one day, and the vicar was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed the parishioner by the hand and pulled him aside. The vicar said to him, 'You need to join the Army of the Lord!' The parishioner replied, 'I'm already in the Army of the Lord, vicar.' The vicar questioned, 'How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?' He whispered back, 'I'm in the Secret Service.'

### Barry Raeburn

We are looking forward to welcoming back Barry Raeburn, National Director of Mission Without Borders, to preach on Sunday 21 July.

## Build

The timber beams have been delivered on site, with the steel beams due to be delivered early next week. A crane will then arrive and beams will be erected in the coming weeks. It will then begin to really look like a building!



"Remember now, this is for  
your Birthday **AND** for Christmas!"

## To Ponder

'In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us.' Flora Edwards.

## Quote from Sermon

*'Nineteen centuries have come and gone since Jesus lived. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on earth as that one solitary life.'*

Phillips Brook, American Episcopal minister who lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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