

St Paul's in the Park Newsletter April 2025

Judgment

The following conversation took place between an old farmer and the new vicar. 'Do you belong to the Christian family?' asked the vicar. 'No, they live two farms down,' replied the farmer. 'No, no, I mean are you lost?' 'Lost? Why, I've lived here for thirty years.' 'I mean, are you ready for the Day of Judgment?' 'When is it?' asked the farmer. 'Well, it could be today or tomorrow.' 'Well,' said the farmer, 'when you find out for sure, let me know. My wife will probably want to go both days.'

This little story could be interpreted in more than one way, but I do want to make the point that we are all prone to judge, forgetting that at any point in time, we ourselves need to be judged.

'Why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?' Matthew 7:3

To Ponder

'If you judge people, you have no time to love them.' Mother Teresa

Build

It was hoped that we would be moving into our new church and community centre by mid-May. However, it is looking more like early June. I do have to say that it is looking quite magnificent inside, and is certainly creating a lot of interest in our local community. I will keep you informed.



Also, you might like to consider contributing to the cost of a few final items:
Chairs – main auditorium \$180 each, Lounge \$100 each, Special for elderly \$300 each.
Plates and cutlery \$2,000 (06 0991 0056055 01)

Opening/consecration

This has been postponed until Sunday 31 August (2.00pm). We wanted to make sure that everything was in top shape and all systems running like clockwork for what will be a very significant and auspicious occasion. This gives us a little breathing space to ensure, as much as we possibly can, that this will be the case.

Vestry

At our AGM held last month, the following were elected to our vestry for the coming year: Dale Bradley (Vicar's Warden), Noleen Tuck (People's Warden), Lorna Whyte (Synod rep), Rev Ann McLean, Joss Adonis, Peter Darier, Joseph George, Lloyd Powys, Rev Bruce Richardson, Angela Rowson, Ngaire Rowson, Lorna Whyte, Nigel Whyte.

Finances

As at 31 March, we are in a deficit of \$2,360 for our church operations. Unsurprisingly, it does require a significant degree of financial support to run a church. We are most grateful for any support you can give. A reminder that our bank a/c number is 06 0991 0056055 00.

'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.' 2 Corinthians 9:7

Time for a Smile

Judge: 'You have been found not guilty of robbery and can leave this court without a stain on your character.'

Accused: 'Great! Does that mean I can keep the money?'

Accused: 'As the Lord is my judge, I am not guilty.'

Judge: 'He's not. I am. You are. Six months.'

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