

Honesty

Henry Rowland, professor of physics at John Hopkins University, was once called as an expert witness at a trial. During cross-examination, a lawyer demanded, 'What are your qualifications as an expert witness in this case?'

The normally modest and retiring professor replied quietly, 'I am the greatest living expert on the subject under discussion.'

Later, a friend well-acquainted with Rowland's disposition expressed surprise at the professor's uncharacteristic response. Rowland answered, 'Well, what did you expect me to say? I was under oath.'

An amusing anecdote, but we would do well to remember that if we subscribe to the Christian faith, we are, in effect, always under oath, not necessarily to blow our trumpet, but to be scrupulously honest in everything we do or say.

'If you want a happy life and good days, keep your tongue from speaking evil, and keep your lips from telling lies.' 1 Peter 3:10

'Good people are guided by their honesty; treacherous people are destroyed by their dishonesty.' Proverbs 11:3.

Voyager

In a few weeks time, we will be offering a course which explores the person and life of Jesus, prayer, reading the Bible and what it means to be a Christian. This course, called Voyager, was developed during my time as chaplain at King's College and is presented in a way that I believe anyone can relate to, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. We use clips from well-known movies such as Forrest Gump, The Matrix, Lord of the Rings etc. to illustrate the points we are making.

The course will run over 9 weeks, meeting for 90 minutes in an evening slot. Watch this space. In the meantime, if you are interested, please let me know.

Youth Group

Youth group gets underway again on Friday 11 September. A big thank you to Larce Kippen for undertaking the leadership of this.

"We are excited to be relaunching the Youth Group at St Paul's in the Park for young people aged 10 and over.

Our aim is to provide a fun and safe environment where they can build friendships, connect with others and develop a genuine sense of belonging within our church and wider community. We have a variety of exciting activities planned each week for everyone to enjoy.

The Youth Group is open to everyone, so we warmly invite parents to encourage their young people to come along—and bring a friend!" Larce

See attached flyer.

Time for a Smile

Little boy: 'Granddad, can you make a noise like a frog?'

Granddad: 'No. Why?'

Little boy: 'Mummy says when you croak, we are all going to Disneyland.'

Phrase Origin

'Kiss of life.' Thought to have entered English as an opposite to Judas' treacherous 'kiss of death' to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. It has been used in Britain since early 1960s as term for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, but as a phrase and as an action, it is falling out of favour. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation can go horribly wrong, with patients coughing up blood and vomiting.

In one famous incident from the 1970s, a British man almost died from a disease he caught when he gave the kiss of life to his dead parrot!

Devotional

One of our congregants, Delia Thumbadoo, has written a Devotional.

'Writing Christian Devotionals is one of my most fulfilling passions. Over the years it's helped forge a close and steadfast walk with God. God's Word is a compass guiding our course and empowering us in every season and occasion of life. It is my hope that this Devotional encourages you in your walk with Jesus.' Delia

To Ponder

'Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.' Helen Keller.

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