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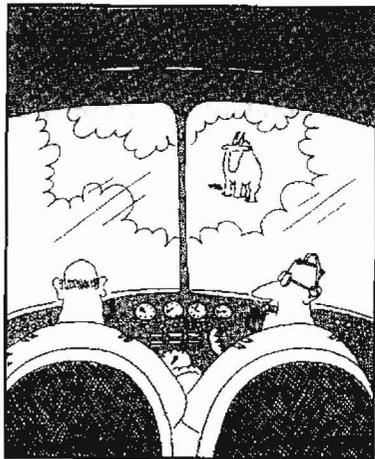
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From the Minister's Desk

Dear Friends,

So often we miss the obvious. Take a look at this cartoon produced by my favourite, Gary Larson.



"Say ... What's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"

We get so caught up with the all-encompassing events of life that it is easy to get things out of perspective. We miss the obvious. Our days and nights can become a blur of

activity in which we find little time to slow down and enjoy the people we love, the beauty of the world around us, and the wonder of our own existence.

Do you take time to say "I love you"? Its obviously the right thing to do, but we can so easily miss it.

A few years ago song called "Cats in the Cradle" was in the pop charts. It was about a young boy who longed for his dad to play ball with him. But dad was very busy with his work - tomorrow we'll play. But tomorrow was the same as today. The boy was proud of the dad he hardly knew. "I'm gonna be like him" he said. Many years later the boy is busy with his own career, his dad is retired and alone. Dad calls the son to see if he could come to visit, but the son is too busy with the rush of life. He had grown up just like his dad.

We can miss the obvious with God too. It is all too easy to start "worshipping" the many things that full up our lives, and leave God right out on the sidelines. If something comes up on a Sunday, it seems that worship with the church family takes a back seat. The apostle Paul identifies our propensity to ignore God when he writes "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie,

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and worshipped created things rather than the Creator . . ." (Rom. 1: 25) In other words, they missed the obvious.

God does not like to take the back seat. He is worthy of our whole-hearted devotion and dedication. He wants us to get real with him. His word calls on us to put him first; in all things. After all, that's obvious. Isn't it?

May God Bless You
Paul Watson
Rector

The Parish Pulse

Sunday Services - 8-30am,
10am, 6-30pm
Sunday School & Teenagers
10am
Youth Fellowship Fridays 7pm -
9pm
"Playtime" for pre-schoolers
Tuesdays 10am - 12noon
TLC Groups (small groups)
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
nights, Wednesday morning.

Building Update.

Following the Parishioners inspection of the colour scheme the final selections were made. The Painters have all but finished the painting of the church. There are only small sections to finish when the Electrician has completed the electrical installation.



The cost to paint the ceiling was beyond our resources at present so we will wait until the Aircraft Noise reduction work has been carried out in the next 2 - 3 years. The ceiling can be finished then.

The Electrical installation is 85% complete. All of the new light fittings and power points are working in the sanctuary, nave and side isles and only a few special lights to be completed.



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| July 20 | "Power Connection"
Praying together 7-30pm
in the Conference Room |
| 28 | Youth Service 6-30pm |
| Sep 24 | Community BBQ in
Maundrell Park |
| Nov 1 | Outreach Dinner -
Petersham RSL Club |
| 5 | Celebration 125 -
Service and Luncheon |
| 10 | Your Rally in the Hall. |

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Celebration 125

We hope you have reserved Sunday 5 November in your diary. This is the day of the 125th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of our church building. There will be a special service at 10am featuring music from Trinity Grammar School chamber orchestra and choir, not to mention our own music group. Archbishop Goodhew will be the guest preacher. Lunch will follow at noon. Tickets for the lunch will soon be on sale.

Please, if you know of past church members, why not invite them to come. An invitation list is being compiled now please hand the details to Noel Cragg.

As a part of the Celebration 125 we plan to have a display of historical items and photographs of the life and times in the parish of All Saints' Petersham. If you have any photographs or other item that could be lent for the display please contact Rob Jamieson or Noel Cragg.

Thursday Evening TLC Group.

The Thursday evening home group gathers around the table of David and Ruth Firth. A wonderful table on which there are two bottomless teapots (strong and weak tea). Variety is the characteristic of the group: five different nationalities among the six of us; we come from almost as many church backgrounds. We are not even united on the version of the Bible we read! What have we got in common? Our fellowship in Christ and growing friendship with each other as we meet, talk and study the book of Isaiah.



All Saints' Youth Group now has a name - "The Lost Pickles" by vote. We're all has a good time meeting

together. The Friday group has games, study and more games. The Sunday group is basically a Bible Study. We would appreciate some prayer support from you - pray for discipline for the group, and also for the non-Christian kids who come, that they may grow to understand Jesus as master of their lives.

Thank you heaps!
Len.

The first quarter of this year I have had the



privilege of being involved in some parish visiting. I have greatly enjoyed visiting some of you in your own home and

getting to know you a bit better. Thank you for your hospitality and openness. As you would realise I haven't visited everybody, so if you would like a visit or another visit please let me know and I would be only to pleased to see you.

Over the last 4 weeks I have led an Evangelism course. We have been using the Everyday Evangelism booklet which is designed to equip you and give you confidence in sharing your faith to others. Six people have participated in the course and I have been encouraged by their response and enthusiasm. Due to the success of the course, we plan on running another course in 3rd term for anyone who is interested.

Its great to be serving amongst you as we serve our lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

In his service
Scott.