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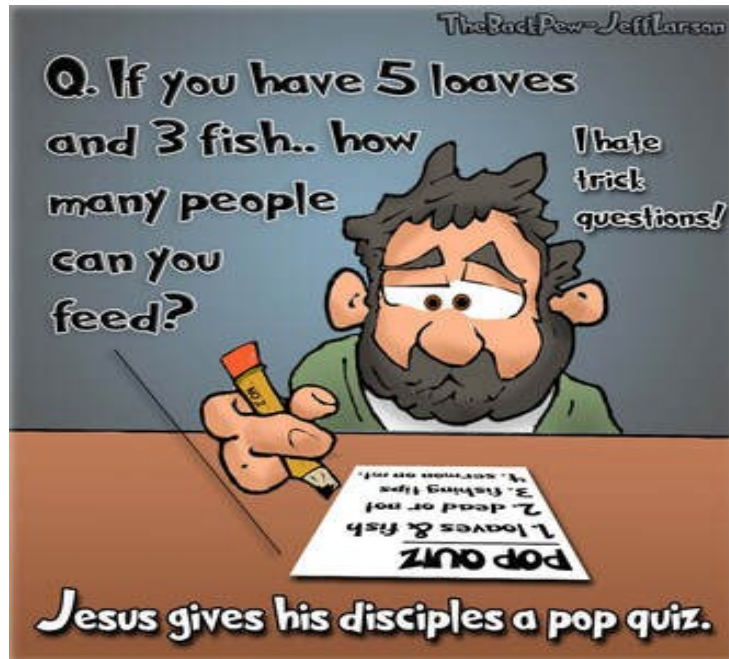
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Humour



PEW NEWS Sunday 21st January 2024

Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

The Bible Readings for today - the 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

INTRODUCTION

In today's readings we hear of the need and urgency for discipleship. Jesus sets about calling the first disciples, those who will work with him and carry on that work after his death. Jesus' call to discipleship is not to take people out of a hostile world, promising them a better life in God's heavenly kingdom. Instead, his purpose is to change the world in such a way that it will cease to be the hostile place it is, so that God's reign can be established on earth. How do we contribute to changing the world so that God's love is known by everyone?

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is calling you as disciples
All: **Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.**

Leader: You will be led into fields of mission and service.
All: **Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.**

Leader: Listen for Christ's call to you.
All: **We are ready to serve the Lord. Amen.**

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.
Mark 1:15

Collect

**Jesus, our Redeemer,
give us your power to reveal and
proclaim the good news,
so that wherever we may go
the sick may be healed, lepers embraced,
and the dead and dying given new life;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Notices

The Prayer Group meets on Tuesday January 23rd at 6pm at St Ambrose.

Next meeting of the AAW is on Thursday February 1st 12.00 noon. This involves a visit to the City Mission to visit their new Food Bank shop at their site at 275 Hereford Street, Christchurch Central. Lunch is at Thrive Cafe next door. Please notify Elizabeth if you are attending so numbers are known to book for lunch, phone her on 385 5500 or 0277 563 390. All ladies are invited to attend, a good chance to understand the new system used at the Food Bank.

News at St Ambrose Church

A new year and a few changes. As you know our Vicar, Rev Brenda, is retiring in a week's time and there will be a time of waiting for another person to accept a call to be priest for us. In the meantime we need to make the best use of the lay people and resources we have.

Today, Sunday 21st January, will be the last time we will hold a Sunday Service at St Ambrose Church for a while. Everyone is encouraged to meet at St Chad's Church, same time 10.00am, and join as one congregation gathering there each Sunday.

Notices

Brenda's farewell Service is a Eucharist to be held on Sunday 28th January at 5.00 pm.

After the Service there will be refreshments, music, and speeches. It is hoped that people will attend both the Service and the time of refreshments.

While there is no cost for the evening, people are asked, in relation to drinks, to bring your own (BYO). Food is provided. There is no need to bring anything other than your drinks.

All who regularly attend worship Services in the parish are warmly invited to attend. Please let one of the wardens or Susanne Unwin know how many are coming.

One last item concerning the event — this Sunday, 21st January, is the final time donations towards Brenda's leaving presentation can be accepted, as the following week allows us to do the shopping for the gift. Please leave your donation in a clearly marked envelope with one of the wardens. Many thanks.

