

## Reflection questions:

- In what secret ways do you compare yourself unfavourably to others?
- How does society foster various forms of comparison?
- How do you find yourself accumulating unnecessary goods?
- In what ways can you be less grasping and more generous?
- In what ways can our church work out the principals of abundance and generosity?





**Hospitality** - When visitors make the effort to come to church, we want them to feel at home. Currently there is a real “crush” at the door between services. It is hard for anyone to get through and it doesn’t create a sense of welcome.

Vestry proposes having tea being in the Hall after the 9.00am service. This would give the added benefit of a longer time for fellowship over tea for without the 10.30am service cut-off. We realise it will take a greater effort to go to morning tea and that regular folk will need to invite visitors to come down to the hall, adding to the invitation which will be given from the front.

When the Lantern (our new building) is complete we will have morning tea there. Taking the initiative now may help us iron out some of the hiccups. We will give this a three month trial and welcome your feedback now and throughout the process.

We would like to have morning tea after the 10.30am service too. We want to provide hospitality to visitors to that service also. Vestry also suggests we reintroduce the shared lunch after the 10.30am service. It will most likely be on the second Sunday of the month beginning after Easter. Perhaps we could provide some kind of activity for 9.00am folk while the 10.30 service is going on, especially in the winter so folk don’t have to go home and then come back.

All of this is intended to help us with our draft vision statement: *Following Jesus; Building Community*. Please let me know what you think. Much love, Susan.