

Chris: Are you there Pete?

Pete: Yes here I am Chris...How are you?

Chris: Good thanks.

Pete: Just you today then...no Gloopy or Paddy?

Chris: No, they're not coming today...but they did enjoy themselves very much last time and I do think we'll see them again sometime soon

Pete: Not sure about that Paddy as he was dirty and had fleas!

Chris: That's not very nice Pete. I thought if we all met up we could do a sketch together...it's an important part of being a church family...getting on...helping and loving each other. Like Jesus the Servant King did.

Perhaps you could wash Paddy's fur for him with a flea shampoo

Pete: I'll have you know that for wild and crazy X-treme sports enthusiasts like me...*flea washing* is not exactly *cool* Chris, ....and.... if you want to keep me at Scampton Church, I suggest you work a bit harder at pleasing me in the future. In fact, I'd like to see a few changes to 'my contract' Chris.

Chris: 'Your contract'?

Pete: Yes, Chris *'I'd like to see some changes to my package of benefits.'* ...I've written down a few demands

Chris: Oh have you now?

Pete: Yes and I've done a little power point presentation to present them...Christine has been helping me with it this week.

Chris: Christine (*Chris looks shocked*) My goodness...what's going on...is it a mutiny?

Pete: **Christine: could you unveil the list...**'Pete's Pay Demands': pay appearance fee; more focus on me and not Gloopy and Paddy; coffee and doughnuts delivered to the puppet theatre on demand; 'Blue room' to chill out in with my puppet pals when I'm not on.

Chris: Well Pete I'm shocked...what's going on...this is all rather a great surprise and...well this is church...we don't pay appearance fees and we try our best to treat everyone equally and serve one another...so well...we can't be held to ransom like this Pete.

Pete: Well, Chris, it could be your loss...because it just so happens that I have been offered '*another Gig*' that doesn't entail washing out fleas or serving other people.

Chris: '*another Gig*'? Scampton Church isn't a gig. What is this *gig* anyway?

Pete: Well Chris, I have been offered a rather lucrative contract on a new TV show on Sunday mornings called *The X-treme factor*. I'm going to be on with 4 celebrity puppets: Cheryl Coke; Chewy Walsh, Nicole Shirtslinger and of course me and Simon Roof-Vent. (**Picture of Pete and Simon**) ... all without fleas.. I'm going to be the roving reporter going out on location to all sorts of X-treme sports events around the world. It could be kite surfing in Sardinia or loop the loop in Louth.

Chris: Loop the loop in Louth? - What's that then? - driving round their one-way system at high speed? oh...(pause) and they're offering you appearance money are they?

Pete: Yeeeah! (said in a greedy loads money way) shed loads of it! Not sure you're going to be able to match it Chris...but I'm still open to offers....cos I do like Scampton Church really...but the money is good on the X-treme factor so I'm thinking of accepting it.

Chris: Pete...this is all very sudden and out of the blue...I can see it all sounds very attractive to you...and what young single puppet wouldn't want to work along side Cheryl Coke...but I'm rather worried, from what you've said, that you might be doing this for the wrong reasons

Pete: Oh why's that then Chris?

Chris: I'm really worried that you might take the job for the wrong reason. You already said you like Scampton Church and you'd be open to offers so it sounds like you're not entirely sure that you'll be happy and I suspect that it's the fame and money that you'd really like. Am I right...?

Pete: Well you might be. (said shyly)

Chris: Well Pete, the rest of today's church is all about being a servant of God and not being selfish but thinking about other people rather than yourself all the time. I suggest that you listen very carefully and come back in a few minutes after you've had a chance to think, and let's see what you think then.

Pete: Ok

Chris: Well you can start by listening to the Bible reading and watching the video with the children. That'll get you thinking. Ok?

Pete: Ok

### **Bible Reading and Video**

Chris: So Pete, have you had a chance to think about whether you are going to accept the offer to go on the X-treme factor or not?

Pete: Well yes, Chris, actually I have and....I've thought about it very seriously...and...(pause)

Chris: Yes Pete?...we're on tender hooks here...everyone is desperate to find out if you are going to stay with us or not. I don't want to sway you but we're all going to be devastated if you leave Scampton Church...aren't we everyone? YESSS So what's your decision

Pete: I'm...I'm...I'm....I do like Cheryl Coke and I like Simon Roof-Vent's money but I've decided.....I'm going to stay!

Chris: HOORAY!! That's great news. I'm really glad that you've come to your senses...and that you're staying here to try and be like the Servant King ...Oh and to think less of yourself and more of others like Jesus did when he washed His disciples feet. Wave bye bye Pete

Pete: Bye bye everyone