

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 12th January 2025



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Sentence - The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22

Collect - Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost, and was baptised with sinners: grant that we, who have been baptised in his name, may reach out in love to those in need with the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, forever and ever.
Amen.

Introit 324 Name of all majesty
Gradual 663 Come down, O love divine!
Offertory 317 At the name of Jesus
Closing 376 Songs of thankfulness and praise

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 12th January

First Reading - Isaiah 43:1-7
Epistle - Acts 8:14-17
Gospel - Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
Readers - 9.30am - Megan and Patrick

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honoured and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 19th January | 9.30am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 19th January

First Reading - Isaiah 62: 1-5

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Gospel - John 2: 1-11

Readers - 9.30am - Sarah and Edward

Our weekly prayer list -

Our weekly prayer list is for those people who need our prayer for a special crisis happening to them at that time. On checking the list there have been some people on this list for two years or more. We will start the prayer list again in February. Please let me know if there is someone you would like me to put on the list. I will be in touch to find out how they are getting on. We can discuss removing the person if they no longer need our prayers. If the person still needs our prayer we will leave them on the list.

INFORMATION FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 8am Service - there will be no 8am service during January 2025. Services will resume Sunday 2nd of February 2025.

Wednesday Mid-week Communion service - First service for 2025 will be Wednesday 5th February 2025.

Selwyn Centre - Will resume on Tuesday 4th February 2025

Mainly Music - Mainly Music will resume on Thursday 13th February.



Jesus' Baptism Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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U I T A O I Q U A T U E R I O
L G R E R R E C J O H N I T V
N H L L A M D O N S E Q U I E
N T N S E Q U A S C I L L A N
D E E V E L E X N R I R I U R
L O O R H E A V E N S I T E R
S U M I N E N D R E T A T V E
I S N I A T B H E N G S M O D
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Z S I T E U F E U G L I T V U
L A O R E M O W A T E R T E R
B E L O V E D D R E E A T V E

BAPTIZED BELOVED DOVE
GALILEE HEAVENS JOHN JORDAN
RIGHTEOUSNESS SON WATER