

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**

**Sunday 8th January 2023**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

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**Sentence** - My people, I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'you are my servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.' Isaiah 41: 8-9

**Collect** - Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus intercede for us; may we be strengthened to share his cup and ready to serve him forever. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Introit**                376 Songs of thankfulness and praise  
**Gradual**             640 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
**Offertory**            339 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry  
**Dismissal**          597 God, whose almighty word

**9.30am - NZPB 476**

**Readings today Sunday 8th January 2023**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 42: 1-9

**Epistle** - Acts 10: 34-43

**Gospel** - Matthew 3: 13-17

**Readers 9.30am** - Marion and Gaylene

## **Isaiah 42: 22-27**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## **Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not

to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **Matthew 3: 13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

### **Readings next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 49:1-7

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**Gospel** - John 1: 29-42

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am - Denis and Patrick

### **Dates you need for January/February**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January** - the 8am service will resume

**Mid-week Holy Communion** - will resume Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

**Selwyn Centre** - will resume Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Mainly Music** - will resume on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023



## 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  
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BAPTIZED      BELOVED      DOVE  
GALILEE      HEAVENS      JOHN      JORDAN  
RIGHTEOUSNESS      SON      WATER