

# **St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**

**Sunday 16th November**

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**Sentence:** May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. 2 Thessalonians 3:16

**Collect:** Almighty God, you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections; give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| <b>Introit</b>   | 601 Lift high the cross           |
| <b>Gradual</b>   | 150 Rock of ages, cleft for me    |
| <b>Offertory</b> | 259 O day of peace                |
| <b>Closing</b>   | 525 All my hope on God is founded |

**9.30am - NZPB 476**

## **Readings for today Sunday 16th November**

First Reading - Isaiah 65: 17-25

Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel - Luke 21: 5-19

Readers - Marion and Karen

## **Isaiah 65: 17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a  
delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of  
distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few  
days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards  
and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall  
not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of  
my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their  
hands. They shall not labour in vain or bear children for calamity, for  
they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants  
as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I  
will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat  
straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall  
not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

## **2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not  
according to the tradition that they received from us. For you  
yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when  
we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying  
for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we  
might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have  
that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even  
when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone  
unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are  
living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such  
persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their  
work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not  
be weary in doing what is right.

## Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

We remember in our prayers –Those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street, Braemar Road, Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road.

## Next Week

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| Tuesday 18th   | Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00. |
| Wednesday 19th | Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.                                           |
| Thursday 20th  | Mainly Music 10am \$5.00 per family.                                                          |
| Sunday 23rd    | Holy Communion 9.30am.                                                                        |



## High Tea: A Date for your Diary

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 2.30pm. \$40.00 per person. Please sign sheet at back of church. Bring family and friends. And have a happy afternoon. With very special food.

## Readings for next Sunday 23rd November

First Reading - Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Epistle - Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel - Luke 23: 33-43

Readers - Megan and Mary