

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

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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**Sentence** - We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the king of Israel! John 1: 41-49

**Collect** - Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant that your unity which only your Spirit can give, will keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit	376 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Gradual	634 Will you come follow me
Offertory	380 All glory, praise and honour
Closing	437 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

9.30am - NZPB 476

## **Readings for today Sunday 14th January 2024**

**First Reading** - 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

**Gospel** - John 1: 43-51

**Readers 9.30am** - Erika and Sarah

## **1 Samuel 3: 1-10**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## **1 Corinthians 6: 12-20**

"All things are permitted for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are permitted for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for sexual immorality but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord

becomes one spirit with him. Shun sexual immorality! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

### **John 1: 43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Wolsey Avenue, Shakespeare Road, Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street.

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 16th	Selwyn Centre in recess until the 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.
Wednesday 17th	10am Holy Communion. Resumes Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.
Thursday 18th	Mainly Music. In recess until Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024.
Sunday 21st	One Service at St Paul's 9.30am. Holy Communion.

## Readings for next Sunday 21st January 2024

**First Reading** - Jonah 3: 1-5,10

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

**Gospel** - Mark 1: 14-20

**Readers 9.30am** - Chris and Christine Maud

## Statistical Return for the Diocese -

Each year the parishes across the Diocese of Auckland total up the volunteer hours. Well done Megan for being the first in the Diocese to submit the totals that are then given to the Charities Commission. It's great to see that last year as a Parish, we had 50 people volunteering their services across 23 different areas, with the total number of volunteer hours for the year being 4,944. Thank you so much for the time that you give in so many different ways.