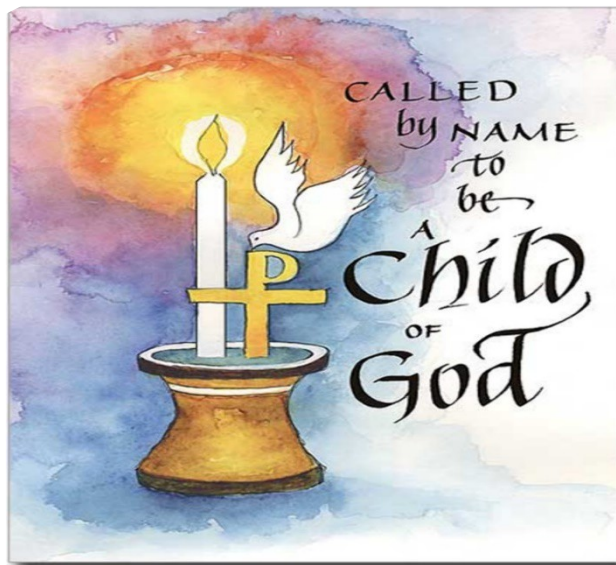


St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 7th January 2024



Welcome to this special day, the day that we celebrate the baptism of Aaron James Cadwgan-Stubbs (Aaron, the son of Alicia and Nicholas).

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Sentence - God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. Acts 10: 38

Collect - Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in Glory everlasting. Amen.

Introit 376 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Gradual 492 Baptised in water
Offertory 633 I the Lord of sea and sky
Closing 597 God, whose almighty word

9.30am - Baptismal Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 7th January 2024

First Reading - Genesis 1: 1-5

Epistle - Acts 19: 1-7

Gospel - Mark 1: 4-11

Readers 9.30am - Karen and Gaylene

Genesis 1: 1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19: 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what, then, were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied, altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1: 4-11

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent, Trafalgar Road, Waterloo Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9th	Selwyn Centre in recess until the 14 th February 2024.
Wednesday 10th	10am Holy Communion. Resumes Wednesday 7 th February 2024.
Thursday 11th	Mainly Music. In recess until Thursday 8 th February 2024.
Sunday 14th	One Service at St Paul's 9.30am. Holy Communion.

Readings for next 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

Notices

You are all very welcome to join with Aaron's family in the hall after the service for refreshments, and to celebrate this very special day of Aaron's baptism.

Baptism

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forgiveness	repent	baptize	Jesus
faith	water	Father	holy spirit
love	cross		