St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford - Sunday 29th November



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Sentence: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. Isaiah 2:3a

Collect: Praise and honour to you living God; your coming will be like a thief in the night, like lightning flashing across the sky. Grant that we may be ready, and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

Hymns

Introit	91 Praise him, praise him
Gradual	623 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go
Offertory	438 Jesus comes with clouds descending
Closing	376 Songs of thankfulness and praise

9.30am- Advent Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 29th November
First Reading - Isaiah 64: 1-9
Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel - Mark 13: 24-37
Readers - Liz Powell and Gaylene

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13: 24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that

summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Bevyn Street, Braemar Road, Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road, Garmons Way, Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

Readings for next Sunday 6th December
First Reading - Isaiah 40: 1-11
Epistle - 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Gospel - Mark 1:1-8
Readers - Patrick and Karen

Next Week

Tuesday 1st December	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. $5.00.
Wednesday 2nd	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 3rd	10am Mainly Music. $5.00 per family.
Sunday 6th	Holy Communion 9.30am.

Gardener request – A request has come through if there is anyone who would like to do some gardening – trimming and weeding for an elderly lady in Milford. Please speak with Grant.

Information for your diaries

Wednesday Mid-week Communion service - our last service for the year will be on Wednesday 16th December. First service for 2027 will be Wednesday 3rd February 2027.

Selwyn Centre - will meet for the last time for this year on Tuesday 15th December. We will resume on Tuesday 9th February 2027.

Mainly Music - final for the year will be on Thursday 10th December. Mainly Music will resume on Thursday 11th February 2027.

Advent Word Search

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- Hope
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- Peace
- Love
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