

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

Sunday 18th August 2024

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Sentence - Jesus said, 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.' John 6: 56.

Collect - Everliving God, your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread for the life of the world: give us such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Introit	54 Now thank we all our God
Gradual	464 Bread of heaven, on you we feed
Offertory	479 Put peace into each other's hands
Closing	669 Lord, be my vision

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 18th August

First Reading - 1Kings 2: 10-12, 3-14

Epistle - Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel - John 6: 51-58

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3:3-14

Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, except that he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6: 51-58

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

We remember in our prayers - Patrick, 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 Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive, Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Meadowvale Avenue.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 20th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 21st	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 22nd	10am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 25th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 25th August

First Reading - 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Epistle - Ephesians 6: 10-20

Gospel - John 6: 56-69

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Karen and Liz Powell

A date for your diary –

You are all invited to attend a catered Parish fundraising dinner on Saturday 5th October 2024 at 6.30pm. More details to come closer to the time!

Chairs -

A very big thank you to Kirsty for making such a great job cleaning all of the chairs from the hall, what a difference it has made to how the chairs now look!