

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 9th May

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Sentence - Jesus said 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit'. John 15:16

Collect - Loving God, Your Son has chosen us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit	180 Love is his word. Love is his way
Gradual	404 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Offertory	633 I, the Lord of sea and sky
Dismissal	384 My song is love is unknown

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 9th May

1st Reading - Acts 10: 44-48
Epistle - 1 John 5: 1-6
Gospel - John 15: 9-17
Readers 8.00am -To be advised
Readers 9.30am - Megan and Marion

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

We remember in our prayers - Derek, Noeline, Bob, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob, and Debbie. And residents and parishioners in Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park Avenue, Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent.

Readings for next Sunday 16th May

1st Reading - Isaiah 22: 15-22

Epistle - Acts 1: 15-26

Gospel - John 15: 9-17

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Liz and Karen

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship and fun. Cost \$4.00
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 13th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 16th	Holy Communion. 8.00am and 9.30am.

Seasons for Growth - North Shore & Hibiscus Coast

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 11th May at 7.30pm.
To be held here at St Paul's. All welcome light supper provided.

High Tea - Saturday 15th May at 2pm. Tickets on sale now,
please see Mary, or Megan after the 9.30am service.

Healthy Church Consultation

The healthy church consultation - begins on Sunday 16 May with Archdeacon Carole Hughes visiting to introduce the process.

The healthy church consultation is offered to every ministry unit across the Diocese of Auckland. It is a gift to each ministry unit and is done to encourage and equip parishioners to work on mission and ministry priorities based on a healthy church model.

All parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate by completing the questionnaire which is due by 31 May and by attending a workshop in July (date to be advised).

On Sunday 16 May Archdeacon Carole Hughes will outline the consultation process and present the questionnaire which will be available online as well as a hard copy. The questionnaire can be completed on the day or taken home to complete.

Alongside this process the Vicar will be having his 360 degree review.