

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Including Parish AGM**

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**Sentence** - 'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you'.

**Collect** - Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence fills us with hope: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe, that we may be raised with you, too whom belong honour and glory, forever and ever.  
**Amen.**

<b>Introit</b>	398 Alleluia, alleluia! hearts to heaven
<b>Gradual</b>	554 Breathe on me, breath of God
<b>Offertory</b>	466 For the bread which you have broken
<b>Closing</b>	321 Crown him with many crowns

**9.30am** - NZPB 404

## **Readings for today Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**First Reading** - Acts 4: 32-35

**Epistle** -1 John 1:1-2:2

**Gospel** - John 20: 19-31

**Readers** - 9.30am - Liz Powell and Patrick

## **Acts 4: 32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## **1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

## John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

We remember in our prayers - Trixie, 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 Rangitoto Terrace, Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road, Selwyn Crescent, Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue.

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 9th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 10th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 11th	10.00am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 14th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

### Readings for next Sunday 14th April

**First Reading** - Acts 3: 12-19

**Epistle** - 1 John 3: 1-7

**Gospel** – Luke 24: 36b-48

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

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

**Visit from Bishop Ross Bay** - Bishop Ross and the Episcopal team will be with us on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Bishop Ross will preach and preside at the 10am service, and it would be great if you could come along and be part of this gathering.

**Morning Tea** - it's time to resume having morning tea after the Sunday morning services. The supplies will be provided, and a roster will be prepared so that you know when it's your turn. For the 9.30am service, if you could let Megan know when you are available that would be great.

**Men's Breakfast or Dinner** - if you would like to gather for a time of fellowship over a meal, time and frequency is dependent on what would work for the majority. Please indicate your preferences on the clipboard at the back of the church.