

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

Sunday 26th October 2025

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Sentence: Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. Luke 18: 17.

Collect: Jesus our Lord, you have taught us that judgement begins at the house of God; save us from our self-satisfaction, rigidity and corruption, so that we may stand ready to do your will; for the glory of your holy name. Amen

Introit	38 God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
Gradual	669 Lord, be my vision
Offertory	150 Rock of ages, cleft for me
Closing	201 Jesus, lover of my soul

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 26th October

First Reading - Joel 2:23-32

Epistle - 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Gospel - Luke 18: 9-14

Readers - Karen and Gaylene

Joel 2: 23-32

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

We remember in our prayers –Those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent, Trafalgar Road, Waterloo Road, Wolsey Avenue, Shakespeare Road.

Next Week

Tuesday 28th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 29th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 30th	Mainly Music 10am \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 2nd	Holy Communion 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 2nd November

First Reading - Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Gospel - Luke 19: 1-10

Readers - Ulo and Liz

QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER – 7.00PM

Time to put your thinking caps on for our next Quiz night on Friday 7th of November at 7.00pm, \$25.00 per person. The other quiz evenings have been a lot of fun. It's also a great chance to help those around the table, and hopefully be the winners at the end of the night. Please leave your complaints at home if you think some of the questions are too hard!

You are welcome to make up your own table of six and let us know what your team name will be. We can also make up teams of six if you come individually or as partners.

Please bring your own nibbles and drinks. We will serve a light supper during the interval, and remember to please sign the list at back of church if you will be attending.

A date for your diary – more information to follow.

Saturday 6th December - High tea 2.30pm.