

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

Sunday 11th August 2024

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Sentence - Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Ephesians 5: 1-2

Collect - Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Introit	591 Christ is the world's Light, he and none other
Gradual	466 For the bread which you have broken
Offertory	474 My God, now is your table spread
Closing	24 All hail the power of Jesus' name

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 11th August

First Reading - 2 Samuel 18: 5-9,15

Epistle - Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

Gospel - John 6: 35, 41-51

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Megan and Marion

2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him. Then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to do you harm be like that young man." The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept, and as he went he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbour, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labour, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is

good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6: 35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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."

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 Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road, Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue, Keldale Place.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 13th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 14th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 15th	10am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 18th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 18th August

First Reading - 1Kings 2: 10-12

Epistle - Ephesians 5: 15-20

Gospel - John 6: 51-58

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

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!