

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

Sunday 3rd August 2025

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Sentence - If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

Collect - Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	678 Take my life and let it be
Gradual	69 There's a spirit in the air
Offertory	479 Put peace into each other's hands
Closing	574 God of grace and God of glory

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 3rd August

First Reading - Hosea 11: 1-11

Epistle - Colossians 3: 1-11

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

Readers - Liz Powell and Patrick

Hosea 11: 1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

Colossians 3: 1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander,

and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

We remember in our prayers – those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Bryce, Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Waterloo Road, Wolsey Avenue, Shakespeare Road, Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bebyn Street, Braemar Road.

Next Week

August

Tuesday 5 th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 6 th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 7 th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 10 th	Holy Communion 9.30am.

Dates for your diaries – more information to follow.

Wednesday 10th September 10.00am - Blessing of windows by the Bishop of Auckland the Right Reverend Ross Bay. Followed by morning tea.

Friday 7th November - Quiz night in the parish hall.

Friday 21st November 11.30am - Op Shop thank you

Saturday 6th December - High tea 2.30pm.

Do you need some painting done at home? -

In a previous notice we included a message about the great work that the painter from the Korean Church has done at St Paul's. If you, or someone you know would like some painting work done, we can recommend John to you. It would best to phone John's son, Simon (who speaks fluent English), on 021 164 2830.

Readings for next Sunday 10th August

First Reading - Isaiah 1:1,10-20

Epistle - Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Gospel - Luke 12: 32-40

Readers - Sarah and Edward