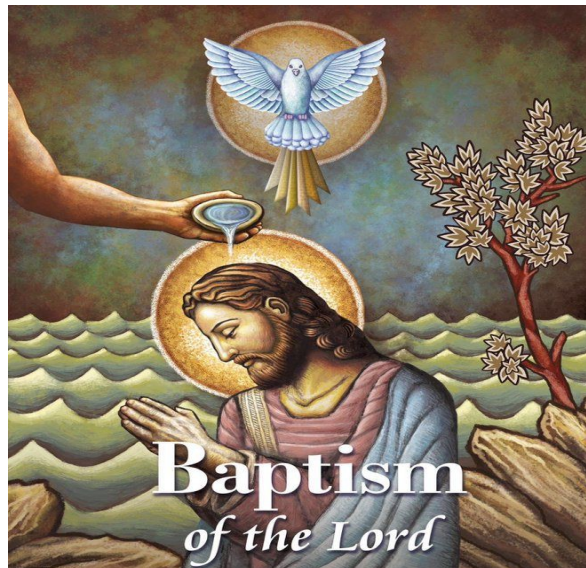


St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 11th January



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Sentence: A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' Matthew 3: 17

Collect: Open the heavens, Holy Spirit, for us to see Jesus intercede for us; may we be strengthened to share his cup and ready to serve him forever. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Introit 640 Lead us, heavenly father, lead us

Gradual 69 There's a spirit in the air

Offertory 324 Name of all majesty

Closing 597 God, whose almighty word

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 11th January

First Reading - Isaiah 42: 1-9

Epistle - Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel - Matthew 3: 13-17

Readers - Ulo and Liz

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

We remember in our prayers –Those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Dallinghoe Crescent, Dodson Avenue, Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 18th January

First Reading - Isaiah 49: 1-7

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Gospel - John 1: 29-42

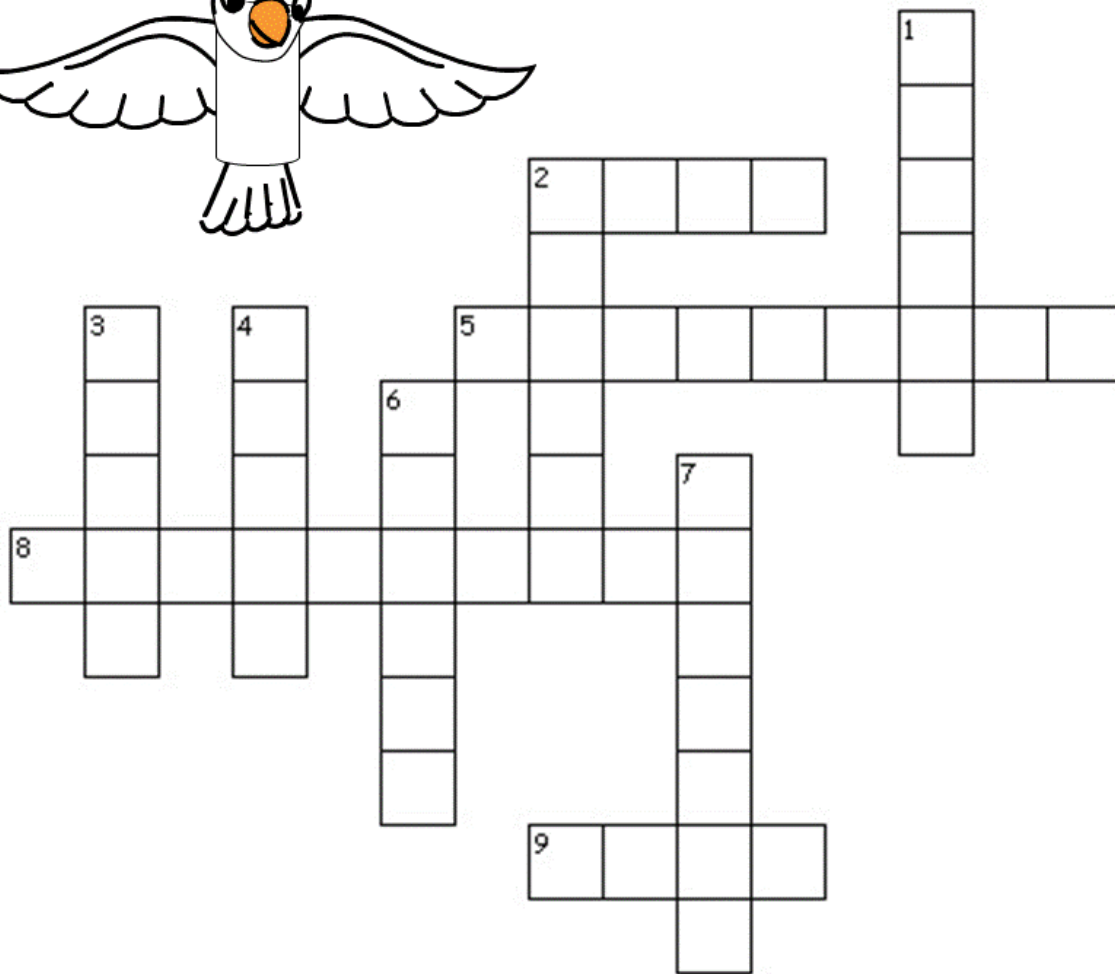
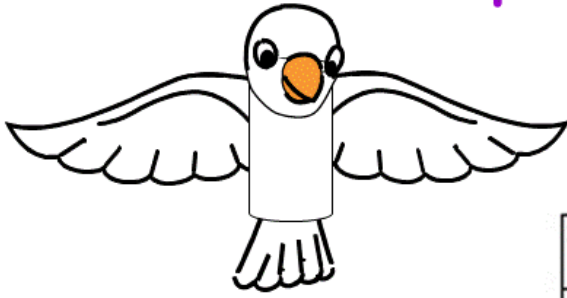
Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Next Week

Tuesday 13th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Our final meeting for 2025. We will resume Tuesday 3 rd February 2026.
Wednesday 14th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion service. In recess. Resumes Wednesday 4 th February.
Thursday 15th	Mainly Music in recess. Will resume Thursday 12 th February 2026.
Sunday 18th	9.30am Holy Communion.

Thank you - to Hilary and Murray for taking the Christmas tree and decorations down. A job well done.

Jesus is Baptized Crossword



Across

2. He prepared the way for Jesus.
5. John the Baptist was doing a lot of this along with baptizing others.
8. As a Christian it is important to ask for forgiveness and mean it, this is called_____.
9. This came out of the sky to Jesus right after he was baptized.

Down

1. Baptism is a _____ display of our belief in God.
2. The name of the river where Jesus was baptized.
3. Something sweet that John ate in the wilderness.
4. This is used a symbol to wash our sins away.
6. We are should be baptized in the name of the _____, Son and the Holy Spirit.
7. This is the main thing you need to do before you are baptized.