

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

Sunday 14th June

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Sentence: The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.
Matthew 9: 37-38

Collect: Almighty God, by your grace alone we are accepted and called to your service; strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and empower our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Introit	179 Love divine, all love excelling
Gradual	376 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Offertory	55 O for a thousand tongues to sing
Closing	321 Crown him with many crowns

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for next Sunday 14th June

First Reading - Genesis 1: 1-15

Epistle - Romans 5:1-8

Gospel - Matthew 9: 35-10- 8

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Genesis 1:1-15

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person; though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35-10-8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residence and parishioners in Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue, Milford Park Place, Milford Road.

Readings for next Sunday 21st June

First Reading - Genesis 21: 8-21

Epistle - Romans 6: 1b-11

Gospel - Matthew 10: 24-39

Readers - Megan and Mary

Next Week

Tuesday 16th June	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 17th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 18th	10.00am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 21st	9.30am Holy Communion.

Upcoming Events for your diaries -

Blessing of windows - By the Bishop of Auckland on Sunday 30th August at the 9.30am service.

High Tea - We also hope to have a High Tea date to be advised possibly September.

Parish Quiz night - We will reschedule the quiz night. Probably later in the year maybe October/November when the weather gets warmer. Thank you to those who put your names down to attend.

Vestry Meeting -

As we are such a small vestry group we discussed asking members of the congregation if there was anyone interested in joining a committee who would be available to help when needed to work with us when we have parish events. There is a sheet at the back of the church for you to put your name and phone number down. We will be in touch with you. Thank you.