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Sunday 17 May 2015: the 7th Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion and J. Team followed by Future
Directions Workshop

Sentence: Jesus prayed; Holy Father, protect them in your name
that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

John 17:11

Collect: Eternal God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only
Son with great triumph to be Lord of all; leave us not comfortless
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us that we may labour for
the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen

Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Epistle 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel John 17:6-19

Hymns (both services)

Introit 678 Take my life and let it be

Offertory 442 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Dismissal 638 Guide me, O my great Redeemer

Welcome to Archdeacon John Blundell who will facilitate our Parish Future Directions Workshop today. Much of the discussion is working in small groups answering questions about the parish such as: Who are you? What are you doing now? What do you see for the parish in the future? During the workshop an election will take place to choose three people to serve as nominators. Those nominated need to have been on the parish Roll for 6 months.

This Week

Tuesday 19	Selwyn Centre 9.30am- 12.00. Come and join us for friendship, fun, scrabble, morning tea and great conversation.
Wednesday 20	10am Holy Communion. Morning Tea and Bible Study.
Thursday 21	Mainly music \$3.00 a family. Music, toys, morning tea, books and friendship.
Sunday 24	Pentecost. Please wear red. Services 8am and 9.30am. Hospital Chapel service 11am.

Next Sunday – 24 May 2015: The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle Acts 2:1-21

Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

8am – Mary will advise.

9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss, Joyce Burgess, Pam Martin, Liz Powell.

Habitat for Humanity Nepal Response to the earthquake

Habitat NZ urgently seeks donations to its disaster response fund to provide shelter kits and ongoing support to Nepali families: please go to www.habitat.org.nz/donate.

Prayers

Jesus prays for those who are his committed followers.

Leader: Committed to Jesus Christ, we know where we stand in this world.

We stand for the rights of the world's children to food, shelter, and a basic education.

We stand with refugees, with women who are abused and dominated, with those who are tortured and imprisoned.

We stand against dictators and for those leaders who listen to the joys and needs of ordinary people; for an end to warfare as a way of settling disputes.

Leader: Jesus knew where he stood.

Congregation: We will advance his values in our day and generation.

Committed to Jesus Christ, we stand with those who suffer.

We stand with those who cannot read.

We stand with those who believe that medical and dental treatment should be provided for all in need.

We stand with children who, for lack of encouragement and a quiet space, cannot get their homework completed.

We stand with those who provide music, exercise, and games for nursing home patients.

We stand with those who cannot rid themselves of pain, for those who are worried by pain but are unwilling to see the doctor.

We stand with those who are experiencing bereavement or loss.

Jesus was compassionately concerned for the sick and helped them, and so we pray for Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson.

Leader: Jesus knew where he stood.

Congregation: We will advance his values in our day and generation.

Leader: Committed to Jesus Christ, we know God stands with us.

God sees our tendency to taking the easy way, and calls us to action and rigour.

God stays with us when the testing time comes and refuses to give up on us, even when we give up on ourselves.

God calls us to rejoice in our family and church and to work with others to build up both.

God laughs with us when we share a good joke and cries with us when we let down a friend.

God calls us to health of body and mind, and is with us as we exercise or read an insightful book.

For Jesus, the presence of God was a moment by moment reality. God gave him a purpose and a faithful direction.

Leader: Jesus knew where he stood.

Congregation: We will advance his values in our day and generation.

Leader: Committed to Jesus Christ, we stand with members of our parish.

We stand with those who provide leadership in our parish, especially Noel, our priest in charge, the churchwardens, members of the vestry and leaders of all parish groups. We pray for those to be elected as nominators today'

We especially pray for our bishops and for John Blundell, our Archdeacon, leading us in our Future Directions Workshop.'

As we pray for this parish, we remember those living in Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

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