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

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**Bible Sunday**

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| Genesis | Exodus | Leviticus | Numbers | Deuteronomy     | Joshua       | Judges        | Ruth           | I Samuel                      | II Samuel      | I Kings                      | II Kings   | I Chronicles    | II Chronicles    | Ezra                   | Nehemiah   | Esther |          |          |           |         |           |         |         |          |      |            |
| LAW     |        |           |         |                 | HISTORY      |               |                |                               |                |                              |            |                 |                  |                        |            |        |          |          |           |         |           |         |         |          |      |            |
| Job     | PSALMS |           |         | Song of Solomon | Ecclesiastes | Proverbs      | Isaiah         | Jeremiah                      | Lamentations   | Ezekiel                      | Daniel     | Hosea           | Amos             | Obadiah                | Jonah      | Micah  | Nahum    | Habakkuk | Zephaniah | Haggai  | Zechariah | Malachi |         |          |      |            |
| POETRY  |        |           |         | MAJOR PROPHETS  |              |               |                |                               | MINOR PROPHETS |                              |            |                 |                  |                        |            |        |          |          |           |         |           |         |         |          |      |            |
| Matthew | Mark   | Luke      | John    | Acts            | Romans       | I Corinthians | II Corinthians | Galatians                     | Ephesians      | Philippians                  | Colossians | I Thessalonians | II Thessalonians | I Timothy              | II Timothy | Titus  | Philemon | Hebrews  | James     | I Peter | II Peter  | I John  | II John | III John | Jude | Revelation |
| GOSPEL  |        | HISTORY   |         | PAUL'S LETTERS  |              |               |                | A Letter to Jewish Christians |                | Letters to the entire Church |            |                 |                  | The Revelation to John |            |        |          |          |           |         |           |         |         |          |      |            |

**THANK YOU** to all who helped in so many different ways to make our Garage Sale yesterday such a great success. We can report that we raised a total of \$..... for parish funds.

## TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

### Sentence:

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. *2 Timothy 3:16*

### Collect:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Readings

**Lesson** The Book of the Prophet Isaiah ch.55. vv 1-11

**Psalm** 119:33-40 (on p.340 NZPB)

**Epistle** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of St Paul to Timothy ch. 3, v 14 to ch.4, v 5

**Gospel** The Holy Gospel according to St John ch.5, vv 36b-47

### Sentence after Communion

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. *2 Timothy. 4:5*

## Today's Hymns

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| Introit   | 290 | Holy, holy, holy                      |
| Gradual   | 229 | [Thanks to God whose word was spoken] |
| Offertory | 44  | Immortal, invisible                   |
| Dismissal | 669 | Lord be my vision                     |

## TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember:

The sick, especially Robin Norris, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson

Our community, especially those living in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terraqce, Rae Road.

Our Church, giving thanks for the life we share at St Paul's, for the success of the Garage Sale, praying for the Nominators. Within the Diocese we pray for Bishops Ross and Jim. Today the Diocese prays for the Parishes of Takapuna, Devonport, and this parish of Milford and for the Naval Chaplaincy. We pray also for the Dioceses of Port Elizabeth and Pretoria in South Africa

On this Bible Sunday, we give thanks for the work of the Bible Society, Bible Reading Fellowship, and the Scripture Union

## PRAYERS FOR USE ON BIBLE SUNDAY

God of the silence, in the stillness and the calm, who met Elijah not in the rushing wind but in quietness, who brought peace to a group of fishermen in a raging storm:

Be with us, here, and now. Help us to leave behind the busyness of our lives, and listen for your word.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of relationships, of compassion and love, who gave Ruth to Naomi when she had no family, who gave Abraham and Sarah a baby when they had given up hope, who brought together the disciples and other followers of Jesus:

We think of our relationships, our families, our friends and colleagues and our church family here at St. Paul's, we lift them to you now, we bring our thanks, our concerns, our need for forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, of the proverbs and the Ten Commandments, Who inspired your prophets like Amos, Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah, to speak your words:

We bring before you our country and its leaders, we pray for wisdom and justice, and we think of situations, people, places around the world that need change.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of creativity, of beauty and delight, who gave David the gift of song-writing, who spoke to Joseph in vivid dreams, who inspired the Songs of Solomon:

Open our eyes to see you all around us. Help us to find you in nature, in poetry, in song, in conversation, in touch.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of surprises, of hopes and plans, who called Samuel in the night, who met Paul in blinding light, help us to hear your call for our lives, however big or small,

Open our eyes to your promptings and guidance, so that we can see the people, places, opportunities that you want us to.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

God of revelation, who came to us as one of us, You call us to be the light of the world, to love our enemies, and treat our neighbours as we would be treated, who urges us not to worry, who encouraged us to seek and we will find, who told us that we are so loved that if we were one of 100 sheep he would leave the other 99 to look for us if we were lost:

Help us to take your Gospel words seriously, let them shape our lives and give us courage to take new paths and explore new patterns. Help us to hear their call afresh and let them release us from old routines to try new steps and dance with you in abandoned joy through all our days.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

## Apologies

We had hoped to include some information about some resources for studying the Bible but we have run out of space and time. Sorry - we will include it in the next monthly magazine.

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| Tuesday 21   | Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.              |
| Wednesday 22 | 10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.   |
| Thursday 23  | 10.00am Mainly Music. Music and fun for pre-schoolers and their care-givers. \$3. 00 per family. |
| Sunday 26    | Social Services Sunday. Services 8am & 9.30am.   |

### **This Week**

**Sea Sunday** went off well. Thanks to those who contributed in different ways, notably to Megan Bowden who brought us into the 21st century with the technology.

### **Next Sunday**

**26 July** is observed as **Social Services Sunday**

Readings (at both services):

Isaiah 2 Kings 4: 42-44

[Ephesians 3: 14-21]

John 6: 1-21

**Social Service Sunday** gives us an opportunity to help the City Mission's One Can-Two Can appeal. Please bring along some cans of food etc baked beans, spaghetti, tomatoes, tins of fruit. We will send to the City Mission.

### **Indabla Meeting**

The Bishops remind us that the Central Regional Indaba Debrief Meeting will be held next Sunday 26 July, between 2 and 4pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

### **A Retreat: Open the Doors to Prayer**

The Parish of Takapuna is arranging a one-day retreat at Vaughan Park on Saturday 29 August. Details on the notice-board and in

the next monthly magazine. They have invited us to take part. This will be an excellent introduction to prayer - helping to choose the best method(s) of prayer for you. More on this later.