

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 6th May
Six Sunday of Easter

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Sentence – Jesus said ‘ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit’. John 15.16

Collect – Loving God, Your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends; give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

8.00am – NZPB 404

9.30am – NZPB 404

Introit 180 Love is his word, love is his way
Gradual 174 Here is love vast as the ocean
Offertory 384 My song is love unknown
Dismissal 404 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Readings for today Sunday 6th May

1st Reading - Acts 10: 44-48

Epistle - 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel - John 15: 9-17

Readers - 8.00am – To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Megan Bowden and Karen Stubbs

Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command

you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

We remember in our prayers – Hilary, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Barbara, Ken, Doreen, Kelvin, Louie, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Carol, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park Avenue, Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent.

Readings for next Sunday 13th May

1st Reading – Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Epistle – 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel – John 17: 6-19

Readers - 8.00am – To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Maureen Christensen and Liz Powell

THE WEEK

Tuesday 8th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00,
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 10th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 13th	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

- **Tax receipts** should be received in the mail next week. Please let Megan know if you haven't received yours by next Saturday.
- People wishing to make their envelope offerings through regular automatic payments into our bank account should set them up with their name and their envelope number as the reference. The church bank account is 12-3050-0263961-00. If you don't have an envelope number yet, speak to Megan at church, email her at meganbowden@xtra.co.nz or phone 4105117.
- **A.G.M.** Thank you for all who attended last weeks AGM. If you were unable to be there, on the front desk are copies of the reports for you to take.

During the discussions, it was made clear that the Portico needs to be removed as it is structurally unsound. St Paul's, unfortunately no longer has sufficient reserves to replace the Portico.

A discussion was held regarding what our priorities were in regards to the buildings. David's building report clearly sets out the priorities. The re-cladding of the church and replacement guttering are next on the list, however, even with the money that has been set aside (approximately \$15 000 to date) again, there are insufficient funds at the moment for this work to be completed. It was agreed that a stewardship campaign is required.

We are very grateful for a parishioner who has agreed to match other parishioners contributions up to \$10 000. So if you donate say \$1000, then this will be matched until the maximum has been reached. The challenge has been set!

We are also very grateful for the gifts of many who contribute in lots of different ways. The Selwyn Centre, Mainly Music, Op Shop go from strength to strength, thank you for all who support these great ministries.

In amongst issues with buildings and finances, the reports clearly show that there is a lot to be grateful for. At St Paul's we are very grateful for your on-going support.