

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 -Baptism of the Lord**



**Welcome to Erica and Robert's families and friends as they gather to celebrate the baptism of Sarah and Edward.**

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**Sentence** - A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased'

**Collect** - **Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**8.00am** - Blue Book  
**9.30am** - Baptism and Communion Liturgy

**Introit** - 640 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
**Gradual** - 376 Songs of thankfulness and praise  
**Offertory** - 469 I come with joy, a child of God  
**Dismissal** - 597 God, whose almighty word

## Readings for today Sunday 12th January

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Isaiah 42: 1-9

**Epistle** - Acts 10: 34-43

**Gospel** - Matthew 3: 13-17

**Readers** 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** 9.30am - Erica/Robert Halliday and Megan Bowden

### 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 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 nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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 the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased”.

We remember in our prayers - Lorna, Lyn, Tommy, Shobha, Bob, Jessica, Dennis, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

### **Readings for next Sunday 19th January**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Isaiah 49: 1-7

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

**Gospel** - John 1: 29-42

**Readers** 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** 9.30am - Liz Powell, Marion Chiswell

**Selwyn Centre** - resumes February 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Wednesday Service** - resumes Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Mainly Music** - resumes Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020