

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 19th May 2024



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Sentence – ‘A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you’, says the Lord; ‘I will put my spirit within you and you shall live’.
Ezekiel 36:26, 37:14

Collect - Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit 663 Come down, O Love Divine
Gradual 591 Christ is the world's Light, he and none other
Offertory 554 Breathe on me, breath of God
Closing 450 The Spirit came, as promised

8.00am - Pentecost Liturgy

9.30am - Pentecost Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 19th May

First Reading - Acts 2: 1-21

Epistle - Romans 8: 22-27

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

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Romans 8: 22 - 27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groaning's too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you”.

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road, Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue, Keldale Place, Kennedy Avenue.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 21st	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 22nd	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 23rd	Mainly Music resumes 10am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 26th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 26th May

First Reading - Isaiah 6: 1-8

Epistle - Romans 8: 12-17

Gospel - John 3: 1-17

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Erika and Sarah

Tax Receipts -

Trust Management Limited has sent the summary sheet of all offerings/donations made to the parish over the past tax year and these have been checked against our parish records. We expect to receive the official receipts that you will receive, and be able to claim, hopefully before the end of May.

Date for your diary-

A parish dinner has been arranged for Friday June 14th at 6.30pm, please note the change of address to the Soho Tai restaurant in Smales Farm.

It is a great opportunity to catch up and share in table fellowship with each other. As usual we pay for our own meals and drinks. The menu for the restaurant can be found online. It would be great if you can come along, if so please sign list at back of the church if you intend coming.