

**PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford**

**Sunday 16th July 2023**

**It's great to have our Archdeacon the Venerable Carole Hughes with us today.**

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**Sentence** - The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. John 6: 63,68

**Collect** - Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

<b>Introit</b>	96 Sing praise to the Lord
<b>Gradual</b>	312 Let us gladly with one mind
<b>Offertory</b>	676 O Jesus I have promised
<b>Dismissal</b>	59 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

**8am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 476

**Readings for today Sunday 16th July 2023**

**First Reading** - Genesis 25: 19-34

**Epistle** - Romans 8: 1-11

**Gospel** - Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Karen and Gaylene

## **Genesis 25: 19-34**

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

## **Romans 8: 1-11**

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the

flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! a sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, ear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

We remember in our prayers - John, Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents and parishioners in Gordon Avenue, Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue, Milford Park Place.

**NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday 18th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 19th	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 20th	Mainly Music resumes today 10am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 23rd	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

### **Readings for next Sunday 23rd July 2023**

**First Reading** – Genesis 28: 10-19a

**Epistle** - Romans 8: 12-25

**Gospel** - Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Chris and Christine Maud

### **Upcoming Events-**

Thank you to those that have put their names down to attend the Quiz night, however, due to so many people being away in winter, we have decided to hold it later in the year. Watch this space for further details.

A fundraising dinner is being organised for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Watch this space for further details.