

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

Sunday 20th August

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Sentence - Thus says the Lord, maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Isaiah 56:1

Collect - God of freedom, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit	150 Rock of ages, cleft for me
Gradual	533 In Christ shall all be made alive, we sing!
Offertory	474 My God, now is your table spread
Dismissal	24 All hail the power of Jesus' name

8am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 20th August 2023

First Reading - Genesis 45: 1-15

Epistle - Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Gospel - Matthew 15: 21-28

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Genesis 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, John, Tomas, Hunter, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, and Jeff. Residents and parishioners in Shakespeare Road, Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street Braemar Road, Castor Bay Road.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 22nd	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 23rd	10am Holy Communion. And morning tea.
Thursday 24th	Mainly Music 10am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 27th August 2023

First Reading - Exodus 1-8, 2:10

Epistle - Romans 12: 1-8

Gospel - Matthew 16: 13-20

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Liz Powell and Gaylene

Upcoming Events-

Vestry's fundraising dinner has been postponed slightly and will now be Saturday 16th September. We probably won't have a garage sale this year before Christmas so this is our "big" fundraiser for the year and we really hope you support it. We are planning a buffet style meal with nibbles beforehand followed by 3 courses and tea/ coffee (BYO wine/ drinks) and for catering purposes we will need numbers and payment by Sunday 3rd September. Cost is \$55-00 per person. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church. If you are paying online just add "dinner" as your reference so we know who has paid, or pay Mary or Karen at either of the services.

Thank You - Mainly Music's chicken and sheep soft toys had vanished from the "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" resource box when we came to use that song in this term's programme. The Sunday School children kindly donated a sheep from their nativity stock, but finding a replacement chicken proved impossible. So we asked Patsy Hill to put her wonderful handcraft skills to work and create one for us. The finished product is beautiful and was received with delight by the children and adults on Thursday morning. Special thanks to you, Patsy, for your kindness and for the brilliant way you interpreted the basic plea for a chicken that children would recognise as being a chicken.

