

# St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

**Sunday 21st July 2024**

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**Sentence** - As he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. Mark 6: 34

**Collect** - **Eternal God, author of our life and end of our pilgrimage: guide us by your word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, but may run our course in safety until we come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

<b>Introit</b>	581 The church's one foundation
<b>Gradual</b>	179 Love divine, all loves excelling
<b>Offertory</b>	490 We cannot measure how you heal
<b>Closing</b>	176 Immortal love for ever full

**8.00am** - Blue Book

**9.30am** - NZPB 404

## **Readings for today Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**First Reading** - 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

**Epistle** - Ephesians 2: 11-22

**Gospel** - Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am - Liz and Ulo

## **2 Samuel 7: 1-14a**

Now when the king was settled in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind, for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

## **Ephesians 2: 11-22**

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is

our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

### **Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

We remember in our prayers - Patrick, 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 Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street, Braemar Road, Castor Bay Road.

## Readings for next Sunday 28th July

**First Reading** - 2 Samuel 11: 1-15

**Epistle** - Ephesians 3: 14-21

**Gospel** - John 6: 1-21

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

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

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 23rd	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am Mainly Music Resumes today. Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July.
Sunday 28th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

## Mainly Music

We mentioned in the pew sheet a short time ago that Megan is stepping down as the MM leader from the end of this year.

The MM sessions are a very valuable outreach and we don't want to see this programme cease. If you think this role might be for you- or know of someone who might like to take this on then please get in touch with the office, or with Megan direct. It is a volunteer role (so- unpaid -) but it's a lot of fun and you do get morning tea!

There's plenty of support in place for the set up and making the morning tea which we provide etc so you won't be unsupported by doing everything yourself. You don't need a musical background either, but you do need to be reliable and available for a few hours on a Thursday morning during school term time.