

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**8.00am** – Blue Book

**9.30am** – NZPB 404

**Introit** 188 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
**Gradual** 490 We cannot measure how you heal  
**Offertory** 474 My God, now is your table spread  
**Dismissal** 80 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

## Readings for today Sunday 20th August

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Genesis 45:1-15

**Epistle** – Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

**Gospel** – Matthew 15:21-28

**Readers 8.00am** – To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** – Karen Stubbs and Liz Powell

### 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 they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too 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 instantly.

We remember in our prayers today – Kelvin, Louie (Hilary's grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, Carol, Lynette, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

### **This Week August**

<b>Tuesday 22nd</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Join us for fun, fellowship and good conversation. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting.
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b>	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 24th</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>Services 8.00am and 9.30am</b>

### **Readings for next Sunday 27th August**

**1st Reading** – Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

**Epistle** – Romans 12:1-8

**Gospel** – Matthew 16:13-20

**Readers 8.00am** – To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** – Maureen Christensen and Marion Chiswell



To Nicholas and Alicia.  
Who announced their engagement  
this week.

We send them our love and  
best wishes.