

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 12th May

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A very warm welcome on this very special day as **Zara Odette Florkowski** comes to be baptised. Welcome also to Zara's parents, Andrew & Sarah; godparents, Charlotte & Scott Maud, and grandparents Chris and Julie Florkowski (all the way from Christchurch!), and Chris and Christine Maud.

Sentence - The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to the springs of the water of life, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Revelation 7:17

Collect - Gracious God, you sent Jesus, the good shepherd, to gather us together: may we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; 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 - Baptism and Communion Liturgy

Introit - 646 What a friend we have in Jesus

Gradual - 77 All people that on earth do dwell

Offertory - 205 The king of love my shepherd is

Dismissal - 497 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Readings for today Sunday 12th May

1st Reading - Acts 9: 36-43

Epistle - Revelation 7: 9-17

Gospel - John 10: 22-30

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Patrick Jackson and Priscilla Philip

Acts 9: 36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no

one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

We remember in our prayers – Jessica, Peter, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Raines Road, Seine Road, Trevone Place, Alma Road, Argyle Terrace.

Readings for next Sunday 19th May
One service today 9.30am

1st Reading - Acts 11: 1-18

Epistle - Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel - John 13: 31-35

Readers - 9.30am – Pene Silikiwale and Gaylene Hotchkiss

This Week

Tuesday 14th May - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 15th May - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 16th May - 10am Mainly Music.

Sunday 19th May - Only one service 9.30am Holy Communion. Parish A.G.M held during the 9.30am service.

Notice of A.G.M – Parish A.G.M. is next Sunday 19th May at 9.30am. Please note there is only one service on this day. Nomination forms for Vestry, wardens and synod representatives are available at the back of the church.

High Tea – Thank you for the support and fellowship on Saturday as many gathered around beautifully decorated tables eating delectable sweets and savouries. A big thank you for all who helped to make this such a great occasion.