

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 8th September

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We welcome representatives from Holy Trinity, Devonport and St Peter's, Takapuna who will join us today for the 9.30am service, as we begin the Indaba process for this year.

Sentence - Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple. Luke 14: 27

Collect - **God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows, so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - Liturgy - Celebrating Together

Introit - 626 Light of the minds that know him
Gradual - 634 Will you come follow me
Offertory - 474 My God, now is your table spread
Dismissal - 596 Go forth and tell

Readings for today Sunday 8th September

1st Reading - Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Epistle - Philemon 1-21

Gospel - Luke 14: 25-33

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - Patrick Jackson and Megan Bowden

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith

toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has

laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

We remember in our prayers - Tommy, Shobha, Bob, Jessica, Dennis, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road.

Readings for next Sunday 15th September

1st Reading - Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Epistle - 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel - Luke 15: 1-10

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

This Week

Tuesday 10th - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 11th - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 12th - Mainly Music 10.00am

Sunday 15th September - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

Indaba - Continues for the third round this year. It is another opportunity for three parishes in the Auckland Diocese to experience worship, and meet together, at various churches. Five representatives from Holy Trinity Devonport and St Peter's Takapuna will join with us today at the 9.30am service. The next gathering of the representatives will be at St Peter's Takapuna on the 29th September, and the Indaba process will conclude at Holy Trinity Devonport on the 3rd November.