

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 22nd September

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Sentence - You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9

Collect - O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 404

Introit - 96 Sing praise to the Lord
Gradual - 669 Lord, be my vision
Offertory - 75 You servants of God, your master proclaim
Dismissal - 54 Now thank we all our God

Readings for today Sunday 22nd September

1st Reading - Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1
Epistle - 1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Gospel - Luke 16: 1-13

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - Marion Chiswell and Liz Powell

Jeremiah 8: 18- 9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:

“Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”)

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16: 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was

squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

We remember in our prayers - Lyn, 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 Knightsbridge Drive, Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place.

Readings for next Sunday 29th September

1st Reading - Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Epistle - 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Gospel - Luke 16: 19-31

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Priscilla Philip and Gaylene Hotchkiss

This Week

Tuesday 24th - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 25th - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 26th - Mainly Music 10.00am

Sunday 29th - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

Indaba - On September the 29th five representatives from both St Paul's and Holy Trinity Devonport will gather for the 10.00am service at St Peter's Takapuna.