

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

Sunday 9th June 2024

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Sentence - Here is my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother. Mark 3: 34-35

Collect - Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	639 He who would valiant be
Gradual	575 In Christ there is no east or west
Offertory	180 Love is his word, love is his way
Closing	376 Songs of thankfulness and praise

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 9th June

First Reading - 1 Samuel 8: 4-20

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel - Mark 3: 20-35

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

1 Samuel 8: 4-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them." So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you on that day." But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3: 20-35

Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they

said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

We remember in our prayers - 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 Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road, Dallinghoe Crescent.

Readings for next Sunday 16th June

First Reading -1 Samuel 15: 34- 16:13

Epistle -2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

Gospel - Mark 4: 26-34

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Marion and Megan

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 11th June	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 12 th June	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 13 th June	Mainly Music 10am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 16th June	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Quiz Night -

A fun night was had by all. And we made a total of \$680 dollars. Watch this space for the next one.

Date for your diary-

A parish dinner has been arranged for Friday June 14th at 6.30pm, please note the change of address to the Soho Tai restaurant in Smales Farm. It is a great opportunity to catch up and share in table fellowship with each other. As usual we pay for our own meals and drinks. The menu for the restaurant can be found online. It would be great if you can come along, if so please sign list at back of the church if you intend coming.

Please note that the numbers attending the dinner will be given to the restaurant tomorrow.