

The Cathedral Church of St Paul the Apostle

Sunday 8 September 2019

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Te Rātapu Rua Tekau mā toru o He wā noa iho

The Ministry of the Word

Sentence of the Day:

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins with his life's blood, who made of us a royal house to serve as the priests of his God and Father – to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1: 6

The Collect for the Day:

God of gentleness,
You give up all to be with us;
Enable us to love, obey, and hold fast to you alone,
So that we may complete what we have started,
Built on the foundation of Jesus Christ,
Who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sunday Readings 8am & 10am

The First Reading: 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.

The Second Reading: 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 towards 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 for ever, no longer as a slave but as 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.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The Anniversary of Those Who Have Died

Eva Parnell; Douglas Rawlings (Mon); Eileen Ramsay; Brother Keith Stephen-Stead (Tues); Clare Spratt (Wed); Rev Dr Warwick McKean; Beverly June Wilson (Fri); Ralph Greene; Ann Wilson (Sat); Harold Bridgewater; Gillian Parata (Sun)

The Diocese

The Bishop (Daily); Selwyn College and St Hilda's Collegiate (Mon); Anglican Renewal Ministries (Tues); Diocesan Council, Bishop of Waikato & Taranaki (Wed); St John's Invercargill and Holy Trinity Invercargill (Thurs); Homes for the Aged (Fri); Christian World Service (Sat); Those with permission to officiate in the Diocese (Sun)

NOTICES

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

What: Hot Potato Lunch

Where: downstairs in the Crypt

When: This Sunday, 8 September, after the 10am Service

Food and drink will be provided for a small donation of \$5 per adult to cover the cost of the spuds. Any money over will be divided and sent to Anglican Family Care and the Night Shelter.

Also have some fun with our "Rogues Gallery" Quiz, see how many of your clergy and fellow parishioners you can recognise when they were young and innocent!

Cathedral Carparks

The two carparks adjacent to the chancel (#14 and 15) are still for the exclusive use of those with Cathedral carparking permits who need to park here while on Cathedral business. The 24/7 signs have been placed by Wilson's Parking for the benefit of their clients, some of whom have been occupying these parks recently in error.

Peace Lecture

Peace Lecture on Monday 9 September, 6.30 pm, St David's lecture theatre followed by supper in the All Saints Church Hall. Imam Gamal Fouda of the Christchurch Al Noor Mosque is the presenter.

Diocesan 150th Anniversary - Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving

A warm invitation to all to join us on Sunday 15th September at 10 am at St Paul's Cathedral for this service of celebration and thanksgiving for the 150th anniversary of the Diocese. Bishop Kelvin Wright is the preacher and there will also be children and young people's activities during the service. Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Crypt.

Pre-Christmas Summer School Paper: Theology and the Environment

In light of climate change, ocean acidification, and our over-use of plastics, to name a few ecological issues, this timely course investigates what Christian theology has to say about care for the environment. The course invites students to look at how theology can speak to these pressing issues. The course will be taught by Dr. Andrew Shepherd.

Find out more here:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/summerschool/study/otago714604.html>

St Paul's Cathedral: Anglican Diocese of Dunedin – Servers Guild



Is God calling you to serve at His table?

Never too old or too young!

Interested?



This is open to any Anglican within the Diocese, not only those who worship at St Paul's Cathedral. Why not come and join us, learn what to do and set up a server's guild in your parish! Please contact the Cathedral Office: office@stpauls.net.nz or Phillip Lewis: phillipedlewis@hotmail.com, phone at 03 454 4404, 022 5459493

This Coming Week@ St Paul's

Monday 9 September

12.00 Midday Prayers

Tuesday 10 September

12.00 Midday Prayers

12.10pm Said Eucharist

Wednesday 11 September

12.00 Midday Prayers

12:10pm Said Eucharist

Thursday 12 September

8am Te Hakari Tapu

12.00 Midday Prayers

6pm Choral Evensong

Friday 13 September

12.00 Midday Prayers

12.10pm Said Eucharist

Saturday 14 September

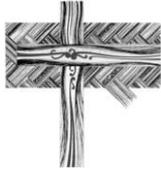
12.00 Midday Prayers

Sunday 15 September

8.00am Said Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am Choral Eucharist to celebrate 150 years of the Diocese of Dunedin

7.00pm Choral Evensong



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Cathedral hours (Summer): Mon - Sat 10am - 4pm

