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The Pebble

Sunday September 17, 2023

Ordinary 24

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us. Matthew 18:21-35



The Collect.

God of infinite mercy, grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Sung Eucharist **5.00 pm** Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY:

393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

We sing the three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel

461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

472 When all thy mercies

334 All people that on earth do dwell

READINGS FOR TODAY

Sirach 27: 30, 28:7

<u>Psalm 103</u> *Response:* The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18: 21-35

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

<u>Isaiah 55: 6-9</u>

Psalm 145 Response: The Lord is near to all who call on him

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Matthew 20: 1-16

Taize Chant to conclude the Intercessions.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)

Come and listen to me.

Parish News

<u>Healing Ministry</u> Prayer for Healing is offered to all in the Lady Chapel during communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist.

<u>The Fellowship Group</u> meets at Fugue St Clair (formerly The Zoo) on *Tuesday September 26 at 2pm*. Please phone Raylene if you intend coming along.

Quilt and Craft Show preparations. Last year's Show was a great success. If you don't wish to bake, you might consider donating ingredients: flour, sugar (brown, white, icing) butter, flour, eggs etc. This is a fund raiser for St Peter's. If you have any queries, contact Jenny Maffey on 027 636 7331

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, Victoria Douglas, Wendy Lott and Harry Brown.

<u>Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time</u> Minnie Mumford, Betty Praill, Steven Taylor, Greta Barton, Susan Snell and Ada Morris.

St Peter's Quilt and Craft Show Saturday October 14, 2023 1-4pm

Quilts and handcrafts on display in the Church.
International artefacts display.
Cakes, produce, raffles, teas, music.
In the church and hall. Don't miss this!

From the Vicar.

As parents, we find it easier to forgive a small child making mistakes than we do another adult. We find it even harder when the apparent disrespect we are shown is by someone we love, someone we expect would know better. Jesus understood why the crowds, the officials, the soldiers and the law givers, behaved the way they did and he forgave them. Many of them thought they were doing the right thing in ridding the world of another imitation Messiah, a trouble maker and a rebel. Often our actions are a result of a misinterpretation or different perspective or fear, and not intentionally hurtful, but we still cause pain. Jesus teaches us that we need to forgive others, not for their sake but for our own. Unforgiveness is a result of pride and selfishness that eats away at one's heart and relationships. We can find it difficult to forgive others. It is much easier to hand the person to our merfiful God, and repeat Christ's prayer, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing' Luke 23:34

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 9 am : Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel.

Thursday 10 am Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel

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