

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
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Sunday January 18th – 2nd Sunday Epiphany

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.30am – Holy Communion

Sentence: We call to mind your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name is great O God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. Psalm 48: 9,10

Collect: Collect: You, who see us more completely than we know, give us the capacity to see the beauty in all people and all creation. Enable us to trust the power of our transforming vision for our world, so we might be disciples of your love and justice. **Amen.**

1st Lesson – 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20
Gospel - John 1: 43-51

One: Weaver of life, you knit together the fragments of our days

into a garment of beauty.

All: Take our joys and sorrows and create a pattern with them where your love shines.

One: Weaver of life, you take our individual stories, our successes and our failures, and make of us a community in which your grace is revealed.

All: Use our diverse gifts and talents to create a quilt of radical hospitality and welcome.

One: Weaver of life, you are the thread running through all creation, all people, all that exists.

All: Give us the vision to see beyond the torn and tattered fabric of conflict, division, and endless exploitation, so that we may see the glory of your presence in all life.

Prayers:

You see us clearly, Graceful God, and you call us to recognize the needy of our world.

The despair of the homeless.

The fatigue of the overworked.

The despair of the prisoners.

The frustration of the illiterate.

The heartache of the powerless.

The loneliness of the friendless.

And you ask us to ask ourselves,

Have I a role to play in meeting their needs?

You see us clearly, Graceful God, and you call us to recognize the needy in our neighbourhood.

The anguish of those who cannot control their gambling habit.

The desperation of those who cannot control their spending.

The frustration of those who have to wait for medical care.

The frustration of persons who increasingly lose their mobility.

The sadness of those estranged from family and friends.

The hopelessness of the bereaved.

**And you ask us to ask ourselves,
Have I a role to play in meeting their needs?**

**You see us clearly, Graceful God, and you call us to
recognize the needs found in our church.**

The need for fresh, energetic leadership in the local congregation. The spiritual needs of non-churchgoers. Helping disadvantaged persons in partnership with community resources. Vital mission projects as well as local ones.

**And you ask us to ask ourselves,
Have I a role to play in meeting those needs?**

**You see us clearly, Graceful God, and you call us to
recognize the needs that are ours alone.**

Being ready to put past mistakes and troubles behind us.

Believing we have been forgiven.

Making an agonizing difficult decision.

Saying the words that need to be said.

Taking action not just talking.

Helping a friend in trouble.

Facing up to our most threatening situations.

**And you alert us to your sustaining presence at our most
crucial times. Amen.**

Next Sunday – January 25th – Conversion of St. Paul

1st Lesson – Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Epistle – Acts 9: 1-22

Gospel – Matthew 19: 27-30

8.00am – Ian Turner, Millie McHattie, Mary Griffiths, Mary Chamberlain.

9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss, Patrick Jackson, Chris and Christine Maud, Priscilla Phillips.

This Week

Tuesday 20	Trip to Waiheke with lunch. Please let Mary know if you can come. Cuppa and a biscuit at 9.30am. Transport leaves the church 10.15am. Bring your gold card for ferry. And a small amount of cash to help with taxi payment.
Wednesday 21	Holy Communion service at 10am. Morning tea. Study group.
Sunday 25	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

- ❖ **We will start new prayer lists for 2015.** If you wish for prayer please sign the sheet at the back of the church. There are two opportunities. The Wednesday service and on Sunday. Just indicate **one** of these.
- ❖ **Thank you** to all who have help sort for the shop and for all sales people.
- ❖ **Please use** the fans in church and in the shop to keep cool.
- ❖ **Book giver** – the books we give out at mainly music at Easter cost \$3.50 each. Would you like to donate one or more? We need 30 books. Your name can be put inside the book as the presenter.
- ❖ **New Ministry** – How about helping with flower arranging?

Certified and Qualified builder/carpenter.

Phone David on 0212 898654 or 488 9248.

Important Notice!

The first Garage Sale will be held on Saturday,

31st. January from 8.00 – 11.00 am

Helpers will be needed on

Thursday 29th 7.00 pm to set up.

Friday, 30th 9.00am to organise the goods and

Saturday 31st from 7.30 am (plus some to help clean up at 11am)

