

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
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Sunday May 3rd - Easter Five

9.30am – Holy Communion and J. Team

Sentence: "Give thanks to the Lord Almighty, for the Lord is good; his love endures forever." Jeremiah 33: 11

Collect: God, you are the vine grower. We are the branches. Help us abide in Jesus the Christ, your true vine, so that we may bear much fruit. Grant that we may faithfully proclaim the good news until all are welcomed into the new life you so generously give. **Amen**

1st Lesson - Acts 8: 26-40
Gospel - John 15: 1-8



Dear Joyce and John,
thank you for the time you have been with us.
We will miss you.

Prayers

Jesus, the true vine, will be known through the good fruit of the branches:

Peace and reconciliation in the Middle East

Hope in the midst of struggle in Vanuatu.

Endurance where challenge or trouble are found.

especially we remember the many needs of Nepal.

Encouragement at the start-up of a business venture;

Understanding where a business venture fails;

Friendship when loneliness is a reality.

Jesus is the true vine.

We will identify the branches, we will bear good fruit.

Jesus, the true vine, will be known through the good fruit of the branches:

Expressions of worth to those out of a job;

Encouragement to those who have been in accidents;

Dawning light in the darkness of depression;

Staying power when pain is a daily reality;

Patience when illness is long-term;

We pray for those we love and those we know who are sick.

We remember those people known to us who are in need of extra prayer at this time. Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, and

Hilda and Jack Hutchinson. And parishioners and residents in

Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue.

Gentle advice when a person doesn't know where to turn;

Sustained listening when a loved one has died (*time of silent reflection*).

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New forms of praise and prayerfulness in worship;

Giving that goes beyond generosity;

Solidarity with the weakest and most vulnerable, in and out of church;

Practical concern that goes beyond the sanctuary walls, beyond the neighbourhood, and beyond national boundaries.

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Jesus, the true vine, will be known through the good fruit of the branches:

We will say we are sorry;

We will stand with the friendless;

We will link hands with others for good;

We will be done with apathy;

We will take up the just cause;

We will take time to smell the roses;

We will express our love and concern;

We will be faithfully confident.

Jesus is the true vine.

We are the branches, we will bear good fruit. Amen.

Next Sunday – May 10th

1st Lesson – Acts 10: 44-48

Epistle - 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel – John 15: 9-17

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

9.30am – Pam Martin, Joyce Burgess, Marion Chiswell.

This Week –

Tuesday 5	10am Holy Communion Park Lane. Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 11.30am Lunch \$5.00
Wednesday 6	10am Holy Communion. Morning Tea, and Bible Study.
Thursday 7	10.00am Mainly music for young families. Music, dance, song and food. \$3.00.
Sunday 10	Services at 8am and 9.30am. Welcome to Noel Derbyshire.

Praying for the Victims of the Nepalese Earthquake: You are encouraged to gather this Sunday evening, 3 May, at 5pm in St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity Cathedral to pray, remembering those who have died, and for the people of Nepal as they recover from the recent devastating earthquake. The service will follow the form of Choral Evensong and be sung by the Cathedral Choir. A collection will be taken up for the support of the Red Cross's work in Nepal. All are very welcome.

Methodist and Anglican Covenant

Sunday 17th May 7pm

Pitt St Methodist Church

Led by Synod Superintendent The Rev'd Marilyn Welch

Preacher Bishop Ross Bay.

**Archdeacon John Blundell has sent information
re the consultation on May 17th 9.30.**

Much of the discussion is working in small groups answering questions about the parish such as:

Who are you?

What are you doing now?

What do you see for the parish in the future?

There are three people to be elected as nominators. Those nominated need to have been on the parish Roll for 6 months.

Plan to attend to contribute your ideas and to listen to others.

- ❖ **mainly music** is congratulating our mainly music group on turning 10 later this year.
- ❖ **Jars for Jim** to make marmalade jam for the October fair.
- ❖ **Certified and Qualified builder/carpenter.**
Phone David on 0212 898654 or 488 9248.

Please look at the white notice board in church for tasks to do on the transition time. Vestry will allocate among volunteers. Thank You.