

MILFORD ANGLICAN PARISH NEWS

ST. PAUL'S BY THE SEA JULY 2015



Both services will focus on the Sea and Ships. We will talk about shipwrecks. We will sing about the sea and those who 'go down to the sea in ships' and whose lives are often at risk. We will learn about and pray for the Mission to Seafarers and for the Royal New Zealand Navy. Children and young people are invited to DOWNLOAD some puzzles and other activities. http://www.seasunday.org/pdfs/2015/Childrens/SS15_Childrens_Materials_WEB.pdf

APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICAR: PROGRESS REPORT

Good progress is being made with the appointment process for a new Vicar. The Parish Profile has been compiled. You can see it on and Diocesan website:

<http://www.auckanglican.org.nz/diocesan-news/ministry-opportunities/vacancy-in-the-parish-of-milford>

Applications close on 10 July. A short list will then be drawn up and interviews held. The three parish nominators (Megan Bowden, Mary Griffiths and Graeme Thomas) are working with the Archdeacon and two diocesan nominators. Hopefully a nomination will then be made to the Bishop who will then make an offer to a priest. Clergy who already hold office in another parish are usually required to give 3 months' notice. This means that the earliest date a new vicar could start would be early November.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our Parish is defined in geographical terms. That means that it is responsible for all the people living in a particular area – certain streets and roads. In addition to these are people who live outside these boundaries but who choose to be part of the parish.

Within this area live people of different races, cultures, religions and circumstances, although there may not be as great variety as in some other parts of Auckland. As the parish looks at itself to describe itself in the Parish Profile (a document considered by would-be applicants for the position of Vicar), so too should we consider the nature of our wider community.

The following information was obtained from the 2013 Census. It relates to the four census areas which coincide with our parish boundaries: 11: Castor Bay; 12: Crown Hill; 13: Lake Pupuke (essentially Milford); and 26: Forrest Hill.



How many people live here?

At the 2013 census 17,457 people lived here: 5196 in Lake Pupuke, 3522 in Crown Hill, 3003 in Castor Bay, and 5736 in Forrest Hill.

Is the population increasing?

It is, but not rapidly. Between 1991 and 2013, the population increased from 14,259 to 17,457. That's an increase of 22%. In 22 years that means an increase of

1% a year, or about 150 people a year.

Are some areas growing faster than others?

Yes, in 22 years, Forrest Hill's population increased by 30% and Crown Hill's by 28%. On the other hand, Lake Pupuke grew by only 13% and Castor Bay 19%.

Is this an affluent area?

On the whole, yes. Using a scale which takes into account having a job, level of income, owning a home, having qualifications, access to a car and a telephone, etc (so that 1 means a high rating and 10 the lowest), all areas lay between 1 and 4. Castor Bay was 1, Crown Hill 2, Lake Pupuke 3, and

Forrest Hill 4. Remember that there are six deciles (5 to 10) that are lower.

Auckland is a very diverse ethnic community. Is that true of Milford?

Compared with many parts of Auckland the answer is 'No'. Until Asian immigration accelerated in the 1990s Milford was a predominantly European area. Maori and Pacific populations have never been large and have remained at around 5% of the total. The greatest change was in relation to the Asian population. Between 2001 and 2013, those of Asian ethnicity increased by 2148 (it doubled from 2121 to 4269), while the European population declined by 810 (from 12,753 to 11,943). In percentage terms, the European share declined from 81 to 68% while the Asian share increased from 13 to 25%.

However, the impact of this was really felt only in Forrest Hill: in 2001-13, the European population declined from 71 to 51% while the Asian share rose from 23 to 42%. Elsewhere the European percentage remained very high (79% in Castor Bay, 78% in Lake Pupuke, 74% in Crown Hill).

Has this changed the religious profile?

Not greatly. There are relatively few who claim to be affiliated to other religions: only 900 out of over 17,000 were Muslim, Hindu or Buddhist. Over 8000 claimed Christian affiliation and about the same number were of 'no religion' or objected to stating their affiliation. Within the Christian total were 2439 Roman Catholics, 2139 Anglicans, 1524 Presbyterians, and 2214 from a variety of other categories. There were 792 Anglicans in Lake Pupuke (15% of the population), 420 in Castor Bay (15%), 441 in Crown Hill (12%), and 486 in Forrest Hill (only 8%). That reflected the ethnic changes that had occurred. Roman Catholics and Presbyterians benefited to some extent from ethnic diversity.

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON ST PETER AND ST PAUL

We recently celebrated our Patronal Festival. Both congregations came together to share our worship. That gave us a glimpse of a united and larger parish. Our worship focused on the way in which God used the difficult personalities of our patrons, Peter and Paul. These two extracts, each based on 2 Timothy 4:1-8, are from *Forward: Day by Day*, a devotional booklet produced in the Episcopal Church, develop this theme.

Do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Flanking the entrance of the National Cathedral in Washington DC are two statues, one of Peter and one of Paul. They are striking works. Each displays the saint at his best, capturing the depths and strength of his gifts. Peter is stalwart, fishing net thrown across his shoulder, gazing out as if surveying a stormy sea, sure of his steps and direction. Paul has his eyes closed while reaching forth tentatively, as if to touch the divine so real and present in his ecstasy.

These are not poses that capture the whole of these saints' lives. We know that they could, at times, display the very opposite of the traits portrayed. But the statues embody the fullness of who these men were and suggest why God called them to his service.

Doing the work of an evangelist, carrying out our ministries, is not simply about accomplishing tasks; it is about being who God has created us and gifted us to be. Bearing the gospel is more about living a gospel life than speaking gospel words. Peter and Paul, both strong and flawed, both weak and perfected in God, offered God all that they were. Are we called to do any less?

The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

In life they had separate ministries – Peter to the Jews and Paul to the Greeks. But in death they are intimately connected by the quality and profound influence of their combined ministry. We will never see the fruit of much of what we do. Much that we invest in might even seem wasted because there is no immediate result. Peter and Paul had no idea what they were feeding into. All that either of them could point to was their intention: they had finished the race, they had kept the faith

COMING UP:

July 12 Sea Sunday (Those who go down to the sea in Ships: Music and the Sea at 9.30)

July 18 Garage Sale

July 19 Bible Sunday

July 26 Social Services Sunday. Auckland City Mission. The One Can-Two Can appeal. Please check notice board for information and food parcel list.

July 2015	
Tuesday 7	Selwyn Centre 9.30–12.00. Friendship, fun, and sharing. Cost \$3.00. 10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane.
Wednesday 8	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 9	No Mainly Music. School Holidays.
Sunday 12	Sea Sunday. Services 8.00am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 14	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 15	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 16	No Mainly Music. School Holidays. 7pm setting up hall for garage sale.
Friday 17	9.00am setting up stalls for garage sale.
Saturday 18	Garage sale 8am until 11am. Stall holders 7.30am please.
Sunday 19	Bible Sunday. Services 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 21	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 22	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 23	10.00am Mainly Music. Music and fun for pre-schoolers and their care-givers. \$3. 00 per family.
Sunday 26	Social Services Sunday. Services 8am & 9.30am.
Tuesday 28	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at Mary's.
Wednesday 29	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 30	10.00am Mainly Music. Music and fun for pre-schoolers and their care-givers \$3.00 per family.

Prayers for the sick – Please remember in your prayers: Robin Norris, Julie, Hope, Margaret, Jack, Lesley, Esther, and Bethany.

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Worship every Sunday:

8.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 Eucharist (NZPB)

9.30 J Team – Karen Stubbs – 410 8089

Weekday Communion -10am - Every Wednesday at St. Paul's

Baptism, Marriage, Funerals - By arrangement with the Priest in charge.

Clergy: Priest in charge The Revd Noel Derbyshire

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(Office hours in the interregnum. Mary will be in the office Tuesday – Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoon.

Parish Treasurer Megan Bowden 410 5117

Parish Recorder Cynthia Row 489 8892

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Megan Bowden 410 5117

Vestry members: The Wardens, Treasurer, Synod Reps. Patrick Jackson, (vestry secretary) Gaylene Hotchkiss, Tania Manuel, Priscilla Phillips, Tex Riley, Karen Stubbs, Jack Weir.

Selwyn Centre: Tuesday - 9.30am – 12.00. Enquiries Mary Griffiths 486 0668

Opportunity Shop: Otakau Road. Enquiries Parish Office 486 0668

Hall Bookings: St. Paul's - Parish Office 486 0668

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