

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 2 August 2015

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY AT 8.00 we revert to the old Prayer Book service (in the blue book) and will do so again next Sunday. We have used the NZ Prayer Book for the past four weeks and the reaction has generally been positive. However, some people found the large book a bit difficult to handle. With that in mind, we have ordered 20 copies of a book containing the Eucharistic Liturgies (the red-tinted pages in the NZPB). We will continue to use both books: the old Prayer Book service (at least monthly) and the NZ Prayer Book. We continue to use the old prayer book at our Wednesday morning service. We are thinking about revising the 'blue book' as it has a few omissions.

BIBLE READINGS. This newsletter includes the text of today's readings. Many people find it helpful to read the text while the lesson is read and to refer to it during the sermon. We use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) as it is used widely in commentaries and scholarship and is probably the best version for public reading. Other versions (and we all have our favourites) are helpful for private 'silent' reading. Copies of the text will be issued to readers in advance so they can prepare. For the next few weeks the sermon will include an element of 'Bible study' and so having the words in front of us will be helpful.

CITY MISSION 'ONE CAN: TWO CAN' APPEAL.

Thank you for the response last week. It was the best collection of tinned goods for a long time. The City Mission driver was impressed!

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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

Sentence: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Isaiah 55:2

Collect: Living God, whose Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us with your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Readings

Lesson The Book of Exodus, chapter 16, verses 2-4, 9-15

Epistle The Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 1-16

Gospel The Holy Gospel according to St John, chapter 6, verses 24-35

Today's Hymns

Introit	638	Guide me, O my great Redeemer
Gradual (9.30)	464	Bread of heaven, on you we feed
Offertory	663	Come down, O Love divine
Dismissal (8.00)	464	Bread of heaven, on you we feed
(9.30)	***	Let us talents and tongues

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves bound.*

Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again ...

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share

God (Immanuel) everywhere! *Jesus lives again ...*

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

Jesus tells the people that he is the bread of life.

The world hungers for leadership in providing food, shelter and security, the basics of life we take for granted.

It hungers for voices to speak for the dispossessed and for those in prison for their religious or political beliefs.

I am the bread of life, said Jesus

Those who come to me will never hunger.

The world hungers for someone to listen. For the child who has concerns, for the sick and troubled who cannot communicate their anxieties, for the bereaved who look for a friend to listen patiently over days and weeks.

I am the bread of life, said Jesus

Those who come to me will never hunger.

The world hungers for the spirit of Jesus Christ, for his trust in his Father, for his vision and self-confidence, his willingness to stand up to false leaders, for his refusal to take the easy way out, and for his compassion, always looking out for the down-trodden and rejected.

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Today we pray:

For the sick, especially Robin Norris, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson

For this community, especially those living in Becroft Avenue, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

For the Church, especially this parish and in particular for the nominators as they work on our behalf in the appointment of a priest to serve as our new Vicar.

For the Diocese, especially our Bishops, Ross (currently in the Holy Land on study leave) and Jim, and today for the parishes of St Paul's, Symonds Street; St Matthew's in the City, and All Saints, Ponsonby, and for the Mission to Seafarers.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church in Sudan and South Sudan.

This Week

August 2015	
Tuesday 4	Selwyn Centre 9.30–12.00. Friendship, fun, and sharing 10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane.
Wednesday 5	10.00am Holy Communion with Ministry of Healing. Morning tea.
Thursday 6	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 9	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am and J Team

Next Sunday

9 August (19th Sunday in Ordinary Time) at 8.00 and 9.30

1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

A Retreat: Open the Doors to Prayer

The Parish of Takapuna is arranging a one-day retreat at Vaughan Park on Saturday 29 August. They have invited our parishioners to take part. This will be an excellent introduction to prayer - helping to choose the best method(s) of prayer for you. Refer to the white-board at the back of the church.

Indabla Meeting

A reminder of the final Indabla Meeting at St Peter's, Takapuna this afternoon between 2 and 4pm

Jim's Jam

Jim is now looking for more fruit he would like some oranges. He would also like more jars. You know the ones.

The Vicarage

The Vicarage is being let for at least 3 months while we wait for a new vicar. The new occupants moved in yesterday. Please note that they have the right to live in the house without being disturbed for parish matters. The vicarage phone number will not be available. Please direct all inquiries through the parish office or the priest in charge.

Congratulations

To Suhita Wong and Meng Sean on the birth of their daughter
Rebecca.

