

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 23 August 2015

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICAR

It was announced last Sunday that the **Revd Grant Robertson** had accepted the Bishop's offer to become the new Vicar of Milford. No further details are available but it is expected that he will commence duties in November as the normal practice is that a priest taking up a new appointment should give three months' notice. He is currently the 'Ministry Developer' (effectively the Vicar) in the Parish of St Martin's at St Chad's, Mt Roskill. Grant, who is 49 years old, qualified as a chartered accountant before ordination. He trained at St John's College, graduated Bachelor of Theology from the University of Auckland and was ordained deacon in 2002 and priest in 2003. He served as priest assistant in the Parish of Takapuna (2002-06) before taking up his present appointment. There will be a fuller account in the next issue of our monthly magazine which hopefully will be available next Sunday.

The work of the Nominators has essentially ended and so we take this opportunity to thank them for the time, effort and dedication they gave to their task.

Prayer Books

We use the Book of Common Prayer (1662) at 8.00 this morning but will use the New Zealand Prayer Book at both services next Sunday (see page 4). Following our recent trial and considering what appears to be a consensus, we will use the NZPB at 8.00am except for the first Sunday of the month when 1662 will be used. We hope to have available a more user-friendly version of the NZPB for use at 8.00 as some have experienced problems handling such a large volume.

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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

Sentence: Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life'. *John 6: 63*

Collect:

Everliving God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through Jesus our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Additional Collect for a New Beginning in Ministry

Gracious and eternal God, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your church; hear our prayers for all your faithful people that, in the ministry which you have given us, we may be instruments of your love; and give your servant, Grant, the gifts of grace he needs for his task; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Post-Communion:

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Readings

Lesson The Book of Joshua, Chapter 1-2a, 14-18

Epistle The Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 6: 10-20

Gospel The Holy Gospel according to St John, Chapter 6: verses 56-69

Today's Hymns

Introit 669 Lord, be my vision

[Gradual (9.30) 668 Jesus calls us in the tumult]

Offertory 643 Soldiers of Christ, arise

Dismissal 179 Love divine, all loves excelling

The Armour of God

Paul uses picture language to explain that the Christian needs weaponry as a defence. He uses military terms, the soldier's uniform: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes of readiness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit. Then he urges us to use the greatest weapon of all: prayer. Finally, he asks for prayer for himself, not for his own comfort but so that he can continue his work.

Today's Intercessions

from Common Worship, the revised prayer book of the Church of England.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Ross and Jim, our bishops, for the leaders of our sister churches, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For this Diocese, the forthcoming diocesan synod, and for the parish of Whangarei and the local shared ministry units of Maunu and Onerahi-Manaia, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For this parish, the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, and for Grant Robertson, our Vicar-elect, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church and especially the various dioceses in California, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For Elizabeth our Queen, our Governor-General, the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For this community, especially those living in, Keldale Place, Kennedy Avenue, and Knightsbridge Drive. For every city, town and village, and for all the people who live within them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For those who travel by land, air, or water; for the sick and the suffering, especially Robin Norris, Robyn Leach, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson; for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need, and for the absolution of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord...**

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith, and in communion with all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God; **to you, O Lord.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's name; we pray that what we have asked faithfully we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This Week

Tuesday 25	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, excellent morning teas, games. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting at Mary's.
Wednesday 26	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 27	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Sunday 30	8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion and J Team.

Next Sunday, 30 August is the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time but we will observe it as the feast of the Builders of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (transferred from 1 September). The readings differ from those previously mentioned. The correct readings are:

Lesson: Sirach 44:1-15 *Let us now praise famous men*

Psalm 126

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:11-17 *Christ the true foundation*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *The Beatitudes*

LAST OPPORTUNITY

A Retreat: Open the Doors to Prayer

The Parish of Takapuna is arranging a one-day retreat at Vaughan Park next Saturday 29 August. They have invited our parishioners to take part and at least two have already registered. 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 or speak to Noel.

Jim's Jam

He would like more jars. You know the ones!

Synod

The Diocesan Synod convenes on the evening of Thursday 3 September and runs throughout Friday and as far into the Saturday as is necessary. The parish will be represented by Mary Griffiths, Megan Bowden, and the Priest in charge. By the way, Synod is open to the public and visitors are welcome. The opening Synod Eucharist (6.30 at St Mary's on the Thursday) is always a great occasion with splendid music and well worth attending.

Our thanks

To Bob and Janice Mortimore for the time they spent tidying up the vicarage garden.