

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

**Sunday 4 October 2015**  
**Dedication Festival**

**Today**

8.00 Book of Common Prayer (blue booklet)

9.30 NZ Prayer Book, p.404

**TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP**

**Sentence**

Open to me the gates of the temple that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

*Psalm 118:19*

**Collect**

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication and consecration of this house of prayer; we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all those who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Lesson** 1 Kings 8:22-30

**Psalm** 84 (see inside)

**Epistle** 1 Peter 2:1-10

**Gospel** John 2:13-22

**Post-Communion Prayer:** The heaven of heavens is yours, O God, your Spirit rules the world, you are everywhere and in everything we do. Bless this house for us to be your symbol in the world. **Amen.**

**Today's Hymns**

<b>Introit</b>	290	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
<b>Gradual</b>	(see inside)	We love the place, O God (both services)
<b>Offertory</b>	581	The church's one foundation
<b>Dismissal</b>	47	Let all the world in every corner sing

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## **TODAY WE PRAY:**

Blessed are you eternal God as we give thanks for this house of God.

**To be praised and glorified for ever.**

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church, and especially for others in this community who follow Christ.

**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

We pray for the Church, for the Mission Conference this week.

For Grant Robertson, our Vicar-elect. For Ross and Jim, our Bishops.

For the parishes of St Mark, Remuera (Anne Mills, Vicar); St Aidan, Remuera (Di Woods, Vicar); and St George, Epsom (Bruce Keeley and Diane Miller-Keeley, Priests in charge).

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

**That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Remembering all who have gone before us in this place, for faithful clergy and people, we praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble, especially for Robyn Leach, Briar Garraway, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda Hutchinson.

**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families and especially for those living in Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road.

**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our world community, for all refugees, especially those from Syria seeking a safe haven.

**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world, and for the United Nations

**Guide us and all people in the ways of justice and peace.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

**Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

We pray in silence for our own needs ... (*pause*)

**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 for by faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## DEDICATION FESTIVAL

The NZ Prayer Book provides that a parish may celebrate its dedication or consecration on the first Sunday in October, especially where the dates are unknown. We do know the dates here but it is good that we should bring these together. We give thanks for what this building means to us. All this is distinct from our Patronal festival where the focus is on the patron – in our case, St Paul.

## GRADUAL HYMN

*(tune: Quam Dilecta)*

This hymn has an interesting NZ connection. Bishop H.L. Jenner, who wrote the tune, was consecrated as a bishop in England with the intention that he would become Bishop of Dunedin but the diocese was unwilling to accept him and so he returned to England. The hymn was often used during the institution of a new vicar with the Bishop and Vicar-elect moving around the church from the door to the font, altar, lectern, pulpit, altar etc during successive verses.

1. We love the place, O God,  
Wherein Thine honour dwells;  
The joy of Thine abode  
All earthly joy excels.

2. It is the house of prayer  
Wherein Thy servants meet;  
And Thou, O Lord, art there  
Thy chosen flock to greet.

3. We love the sacred font;  
For there the holy Dove  
To pour is ever wont  
His blessings from above.

4. We love Thine altar, Lord;  
Oh, what on earth so dear?  
For there, in faith adored  
We find Thy presence near.

5. We love the Word of life,  
The Word that tells of peace,  
Of comfort in the strife,  
And joys that never cease.

6. We love to sing below  
For mercies freely giv'n;  
But, oh, we long to know  
The triumph song of Heav'n.

7. Lord Jesus, give us grace  
On earth to love Thee more,  
In Heav'n to see Thy face,  
And with Thy saints adore.



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## This Week

<b>Tuesday 6</b>	10.00am Holy Communion at Park Lane Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 11.30 monthly lunch cost \$5.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun.
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	10.00am Holy Communion with Ministry of Healing followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 8</b>	No <i>Mainly Music</i> this week: school holidays. 7.00pm removing goods from stage for garage sale. Help required.
<b>Friday 9</b>	9.30am setting up stalls for garage sale. Help required.
<b>Saturday 10</b>	Garage sale 8.00am – 11.00am. Helpers 7.30am start please.

## NEXT SUNDAY, 11 October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services at 8.00 and 9.30 (both NZPB).

**Readings:** Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

## FOOD BASKET

Please remember that gifts of food are especially welcome. You may bring food along each Sunday for the City Mission. They have an endless demand for food and every item helps. A basket is placed near the font.

## PARISH FAIR

**Next Saturday 10 October.** Leaflets are available at the door if you would like to pop these into letter boxes in your neighbourhood. Help required Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> please. We do have a cake stall at this sale so if you have some time we would appreciate some baking.

## BLESSING OF PETS AND THANKSGIVING OF ANIMALS: CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that we have shifted this to **18 October**, which is also Youth Sunday in the Anglican Church. Please remind your pets of this.

## INSTITUTION OF NEW VICAR

The Institution and Induction of our new Vicar, the Revd Grant Robertson, will take place at St Paul's on **Wednesday 2 December** at 7.30pm. Mark in your diary now!

## MONTHLY MAGAZINE

The next magazine will be produced in the middle of October and will cover two months. Our priest in charge finishes up at the beginning of November and the new vicar doesn't start until early December. Because of this we need to vary the dates somewhat.

**1 Kings 8:22-30**

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

**PSALM 84**

How lovely is your dwelling place: **Lord God of power and might!**  
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow finds for herself a house:

**and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young.**

Even so have the singers a home at your altars:

**they stand always praising you my king and my God.**

O Lord God of hosts: **blessed are those who dwell in your house.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you:

**who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.**

Going through the arid valley, they find a spring from which to drink:  
**the early rain covers it with pools of water.**

They go from strength to strength: **and appear every one before God in Jerusalem.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: **give ear O God of Jacob.**

Show favour O God to the king our defender:

**and look upon the face of your anointed prince.**

Truly one day in your courts: **is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God:

**than live in the homes of the wicked.**

For the Lord God is a defence and shield, the Lord will give grace and honour;

**and no good thing will be withheld from those who live a blameless life.**

O Lord God of hosts: **blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **1 Peter 2:1-10**

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### **John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After

he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.