

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

Sunday 8 November 2015
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 and 9.30: NZ Prayer Book, p.404: *Thanksgiving of the People of God*
Today we welcome the Revd Hilary Leith, Chaplain, North Shore Hospital

TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

Sentence: Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. *Luke 6:38*

Collect:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Lesson 1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 126
Epistle Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel Mark 12:38-44

Post-Communion:

She, out of her poverty, has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.
Mark 12:44

Today's Hymns

Introit 678 Take my life and let it be
Gradual (9.30) 317 At the name of Jesus (omit vv 3,4)
Offertory 669 Lord, be my vision
Dismissal 670 Lord, Jesus Christ

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1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

We pray in particular for

The Church in this Parish and for Grant Robertson, our Vicar-elect.

The Diocese, especially for Ross and Jim, our Bishops.

The parishes of St Heliers, Kohimarama, Orakei and Glen Innes

The sick, especially Robyn Lynch, Briar Garraway, Amanda, Hope, Simon, Bob, and Gabriel.

This community and especially those living in Brian Gordon Avenue, Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue.

Dear People of St Paul's

I write to thank you all so much for the generosity of the thoughts and actions you showed in your farewells to me. I was prepared to quietly slip away and let you all return to normality! But clearly you thought otherwise: The presentation made at the vestry meeting on your behalf and with it Graeme's kind words; the lovely tribute in last Sunday's newsletter; Jack's very kind words at the 8am service; the final service, special morning tea and quite unmerited gift from the residents of Parklane. On top of these actions, I have received kind words and messages from a number of people. You have all been most generous in your appreciation of such a short-term ministry. I will treasure the memories of these past six months and keep you all in my prayers. I'm sure I'll run into some of you in different ways. If you remember keep in mind that on Sunday 15th I will be in your namesake Milford Sound under the watchful eye of Mitre Peak – it's sometimes difficult to get away from bishops!

With warmest greetings and the assurance of my prayers.

Noel Derbyshire

This Week

Tuesday 10	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 11	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 12	10.00am <i>Mainly Music</i> . Cost \$3.00 per family

NEXT SUNDAY, 15 November is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Services at 8.00 (NZPB) and 9.30 (NZPB).

Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Hilda Hutchinson would like to thank everyone for their prayers over the last months, they have really been appreciated. It is so lovely to have Hilda coming to Wednesday morning Communion.



CWS Christmas Appeal

A young Sudanese knows what it is like to be afraid. She has fled the bombs that are devastating her home in the Nuba Mountains and walked for days with barely enough to eat. With her family she has found shelter in a refugee camp on the northern border of South Sudan. Determined to prepare for an uncertain future, she heads off to school each morning. Like the other children, she carries her seat to the open air classroom.

She is one of a growing number of refugees who have chosen to leave rather than risk the dangers and lack of food at home. She cannot escape the threat of violence. What she can do is prepare herself for a different future. In the refugee camp where she lives, an ACT Alliance member (Action by Churches Together) provides education and child protection. Everyone is determined to do what they can to make life better despite shrinking resources. www.christmasappeal.org.nz

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!

In the meantime we look forward to the ministries of the Revd Hilary Leith, the Revd Cate Thorn, and the Revd Joan McIntosh who will bridge the gap in various ways.

Diary Mistake

In the November magazine you will notice there is a mistake relating to 23rd, 24th, 25th December I hope this now makes sense.

Wednesday 23	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 24	Christmas Eve. Setting up the church for Christingle service. A fun task of getting ready for the symbol making later. 5.00 pm Christingle service. Symbol making, carols and informal communion, An excellent service for families and people wanting an early service. 11.15pm Carols and Midnight Eucharist by candlelight
Friday 24	Christmas Day 8.00am Holy Communion. 9.30 Holy Communion

