

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

Sunday 22 November 2015

The Reign of Christ

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: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing. *Revelation 5:12*

Collect:

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Lesson Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalm 93

Epistle Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel John 18:33-37

Post-Communion: My kingdom is not from this world.

John 18:36

Today's Hymns

Introit 317 At the name of Jesus

Gradual (9.30) 384 My song is love unknown

Offertory 45 Jesus Shall reign

Dismissal 204 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

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The Book of the Prophet Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Revelation of St John the Divine 1:4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Holy Gospel according to St John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



Today we welcome Finn Wong Fei Vyn and Rebecca Elizabeth Wong who are to be Baptised. We welcome their parents Suhita Wong and Meng Sean and their Godparents Toby and Tommy Lee.

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 Hibiscus Coast, Whangaparaoa Peninsula, Warkworth and Wellsford.

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

This community and especially those living in Otakau Road, Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place, Prospect Terrace.

This Week

Tuesday 24	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 25	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea. We are grateful to the Revd Joan McIntosh who is presiding at this service.
Thursday 26	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.

NEXT SUNDAY, 29 November is the 1st Sunday in Advent
Services at 8.00 (NZPB) and 9.30 (NZPB).

Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Op Shop Afternoon Tea

Thank you to Graeme and Tex for the delicious afternoon tea they supplied for the Op Shop helpers on Friday afternoon. We are very grateful for their generosity, which is really appreciated by the helpers.

In the Anglican Church Book of Common Prayer, "The Sunday next before Advent" is referred to as Stir Up Sunday, by tradition is the day the Christmas pudding was prepared.



Stir Up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

ST. PAUL'S BY THE SEA ANGLICAN CHURCH MILFORD

*You are invited to the
Induction of the Rev'd Grant Robertson
as vicar of the Parish of Milford*

on

Wednesday 2nd December

7.30pm

*at St Paul's Anglican Church
(10 Otakau Road, Milford)*

*Supper will be served at the conclusion of the service.
A contribution towards the supper would be appreciated.*