

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

Sunday 29 November 2015

The 1st Sunday in Advent

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:

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21:28*

Collect:

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths; renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory forever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Post-Communion: Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. *Luke 21:27*

Today's Hymns

Introit 438 Jesus comes with clouds descending

Gradual (9.30) 338 O come, O come, Emmanuel (omit vv.2,4)

Offertory 339 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Dismissal 335 Come, O long expected Jesus

Vicar-elect: The Revd Grant Robertson

The Vicarage 10 Otakau Road, Milford

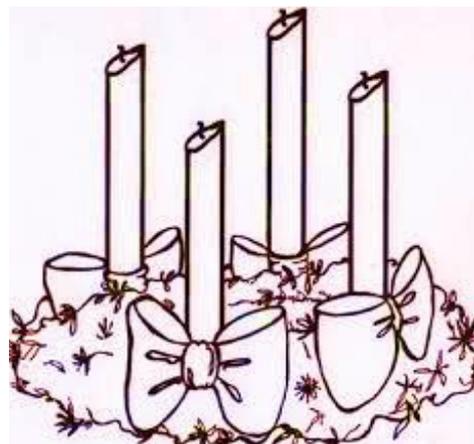
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Jeremiah 33:14-16



The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

We pray in particular for

The Church in this Parish and for Grant Robertson, to be instituted as Vicar on Wednesday evening

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

The Auckland City Mission, Anglican Trust for Women and Children, and for all Hospital Chaplaincies, especially at North Shore Hospital.

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

This community and especially those living in Rangitoto Terrace, Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road, Selwyn Crescent.

This Week

Tuesday 1	Park Lane retirement village Holy Communion transferred to next week, 8 November Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 11.30. Today we will have our Christmas lunch. Join us to sing Christmas carols and enjoyable lunch together. Our last day for the year will be the Tuesday 15 th December. We will resume on Tuesday 12 th January 2016.
Wednesday 2	No Holy Communion this week 7.30 Induction of the Rev'd Grant Robertson as Vicar
Thursday 3	<i>10.00am Mainly Music. cost \$3.00 per family.</i>

NEXT SUNDAY, 6 December is the 2nd Sunday in Advent
Services at 8.00 (old Prayer Book) and 9.30 (NZPB).

Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Today we thank Robert Montgomery for flowers he has donated in memory of his Mother Kath Montgomery on the first anniversary of her passing. You will also notice the altar cloth we are using today is the one that Kath had made and gave to be used on the altar at All Hallows. It has the beautiful embroidery of Pohutukawa on both ends. The altar is now in the new North Shore Hospital Chapel. The Chapel will be dedicated next Tuesday.

We are grateful - for the ministries of the Rev'd Hilary Leith, the Rev'd Cate Thorn, and the Rev'd Joan McIntosh over the past month.

Garage Sale – our next sale will be February 2016. As we are very short of storage it would be appreciated if people who wish to give us furniture could hold onto it until nearer the time of our sale. Liz has kindly put some of the large pieces on Trade Me.

Jam Jars – Jim is now requiring more Jam Jars. If you are not familiar with the ones he requires, please talk to Jim.

Induction of the Rev'd Grant Robertson

We would appreciate you bringing a plate of finger food for supper. As we are expecting a large number of people.

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.