

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 24th January 2016
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 – Blue book

9.30am - NZ Prayer Book, p.476: *Thanksgiving and Praise*

Sentence – With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for deliverance, O God our Saviour, you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the far off seas. **Psalm 65:5,6**

Collect – Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and wonders the greatness of your saving love; renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Today's Hymns

Introit	286	We believe in God the Father
Gradual (9.30)	84	I'll praise my maker while I've breath
Offertory	168	And can it be that I should gain
Dismissal	437	I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

Today's Readings

1st Reading – Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Gospel – Luke 4:14-21

8.00am Readers - Rosemary Maire and Jim Cozens

9.30am Readers - Pam Martin and Marion Chiswell

Nehemiah Chapter 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part

of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

This Week

Tuesday 26	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00. Vestry meeting.
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Sunday 31	Services Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am
Monday 1 Feb	Anniversary Day.
Tuesday 2	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 11.30. Monthly lunch cost \$5.00. Join us for conversation, friendship and fun.
Wednesday 3	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 4	Mainly Music 10.00am. If there is anyone who would be willing to help at mainly music, or if you know of a mum who would like to join the mainly music team on a Thursday morning during the school term please see Megan or phone her on 410 5117.
Friday 5	Op Shop clothing sale. 10am to 1pm in the church hall.
Sunday 7	Services Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am
Monday 8	Waitangi Day
Tuesday 9	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation,

	friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday

Readings for next Sunday 31st January 2016

1st Reading – Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Gospel – Luke 4: 21-30

8.00am Readers - Jack Weir and Ian Turner

9.30am Readers – Priscilla Philip and Liz Powell

Letter from ATWC – Thanking our parish for the gifts sent at Christmas for them to distribute to the families they work with. Please see letter on notice board.

Jam Jars – Jim is running out of jars. If you are not sure of the ones he likes please have a chat to him.