

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD  
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford  
**Sunday 31st January 2016**  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00 – NZ Prayer Book, p.476: *Thanksgiving and Praise*

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

**Sentence** – Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. Psalm 71:3

**Collect** - When all we wanted to define of you, O God, confronts the openness of your design, we grumble, murmuring at limits we impose and you completely set aside. We know propriety in grace but you abound in prodigal excess, exactly where we frown. Grant us the smiles to recognize the opulence of your delight.

Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people, open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves.

**Today's Hymns**

**Introit** 225 God has Spoken

<b>Gradual</b> (9.30)	35	Glorious things of you are spoken
<b>Offertory</b>	199	Fairest Lord Jesus
<b>Dismissal</b>	440	Rejoice the Lord is King

### **Today's Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
 and before you were born I consecrated you;  
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I  
 am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
 for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
 and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,  
 says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and  
 the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
 to pluck up and to pull down,  
 to destroy and to overthrow,  
 to build and to plant.

### **1 Corinthians 13: 1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have  
 love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have

prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

### **Luke 4:21-30**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three

years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Op Shop** - Vestry are delighted to announce the appointment of Liz Douglas Brown as the new Op Shop Coordinator. Liz will have oversight over the day to day running of the Op Shop and to work with the team of volunteers.

Liz will be supported in this role by vestry members Pam Martin and Gaylene Hotchkiss. If you have any queries, concerns or comments regarding the Op shop please speak to either Pam Martin on 414 4223 or Gaylene Hotchkiss on 410 4350.

**Lenten Studies** – Please sign list at the back of the church if you are interested in taking part in a Lenten study. Day and time to be decided.

### **This Week**

<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 4</b>	10.00am Mainly Music. Is there 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
<b>Friday 5</b>	Op Shop clothing sale. 10am to 1pm in the church hall.

<b>Sunday 7</b>	Services Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am
<b>Monday 8</b>	<b>Waitangi Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 9</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 10</b>	Ash Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea. 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Evening Service.
<b>Thursday 11</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.

### **Readings for next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Isaiah 6: 1-8

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

**Gospel** –Luke 5: 1-11

8.00am Readers - Brynyce Owen and Mary Griffiths

9.30am Readers - Marion Chiswell and Megan Bowden