

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD  
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**Sunday 21st February 2016**  
Second Sunday in Lent

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**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00 – Lenten Liturgy  
9.30am – Lenten Liturgy

**Sentence** – Rend your hearts and not your garments; turn back to the Lord your God who is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and abounding in love. Joel 2:13

**Collect** – Gentle Father, show us our sins as they really are so that we may truly renounce them and know the depth and richness of your mercy and love. Amen

**Today's Hymns**

**Introit** 204 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness  
**Gradual (9.30)** 188 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
**Offertory** 669 Lord be my vision  
**Dismissal** 95 Sing to God new songs of worship

**Readings for today Sunday 21st February 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

**Epistle** - Philippians 3: 17 to 4: 1

## **Gospel – Luke 13: 31-35**

8.00am Readers – Michael and Patsy Hill

9.30am Readers – Tania Manuel and Patrick Jackson

## **Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18**

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

## **Philippians 3: 17 - 4: 1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in

their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### **Luke 13: 31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

### **Prayers for the sick –**

We remember in our prayers today - Florence, Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.



**Eileen Morris** – It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to Eileen. She has been unwell for sometime. Eileen’s funeral will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am.

**Op Shop Morning Tea** – On Wednesday the Op Shop volunteers were treated to a lovely morning tea, provided by Liz, Gaylene and Pam. The morning tea was followed by a meeting where the new working arrangements were explained to all the volunteers that were able to attend.

**Thanks** – To David Douglas Brown who dismantled the sink and some of the cupboards from the old kitchen. David has put some much needed shelving in this room. We are very grateful to you David.

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	10.00am Holy Communion 11.30am funeral for Eileen Morris.
<b>Thursday 25</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 28</b>	Services Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

**Readings for next Sunday 28th February 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Isaiah 55: 1-9

**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

**Gospel** - Luke 13: 1-9

8.00am Readers – Rosemary Maire and Jim Cozens

9.30am Readers – Priscilla Philip and Liz Powell

**Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal 2016**

Lent began on Ash Wednesday on the 10th Feb and follows through to Easter Sunday on the 27th March

This year we have three exciting projects that are in need of your support:

Drop-In Centre, Fiji; Clergy Training Accommodation, Gambella and support for new Deacons in Iran

**Lenten Appeal envelopes are now available**