

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD  
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00 – *Lenten Liturgy*

9.30am – *Lenten Liturgy*

**Sentence** – They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them, for the One who loves them will lead them and guide them beside the springs of water. Isaiah 49: 10 (adapted)

**Collect** – Everloving God, your care for us is greater even than a mother's love for her child; teach us to value a mother's love and see in it an expression of your grace, that we may ever feel more deeply your love for us in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen

**Today's Hymns**

Introit	96	Sing praise to the Lord!
Gradual (9.30)	585	How good a thing it is
Offertory	680	When I survey the wondrous cross
Dismissal	56	O Lord my God

**Readings for today 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Joshua 5: 9-12

**Epistle** - 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

**Gospel** - Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

8.00am Readers – Jack Weir and Ian Turner

9.30am Readers – Marion Chiswell and Megan Bowden

### **Joshua 5: 9-12**

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

### **2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### **Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the

property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

### 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 Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

### This Week

<b>Tuesday 8</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. Cost \$3.00 for lunch.
<b>Wednesday 9</b>	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 10</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 11</b>	Services Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

### Readings for next Sunday 13th March

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Isaiah 43: 16-21

**Epistle** - Philippians 3: 4b-14

**Gospel** - John 12: 1-8

8.00am Readers – Brynyce Owen and Mary Griffiths

9.30am Readers – Priscilla Philip and Patrick Jackson

### Thank You

Karen, Nicholas, Richard and Lesley would like to thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers and assistance over the past few weeks following Mum's passing. It is greatly appreciated and we know she would have been quite overwhelmed at the number who attended her funeral to show their respect to her, and support to us.

**A.G.M.** – Parish A.G.M. will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. There will be one service at 9.30am. The meeting will be held in the church. Reports to Mary by Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> please. Nominations for Vestry members and Synods Reps will close on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nomination forms on sides person table.

### **Palm Crosses**

If you would like to come and learn how to make Palm Crosses please sign list at back of church. We will meet in the Selwyn Centre Lounge on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. If you are able to make Palm Crosses and would like to come and show others how they are made that would be appreciated. We will make you a cup of tea and maybe a biscuit.