

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016**

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**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00am – Holy Communion  
9.30am – Holy Communion

**Sentence** – Let us give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. Alleluia! Colossians 1:12

**Collect** – Eternal Father, through the resurrection of your Son, help us to face the future with courage and assurance, knowing that nothing in death or life can ever part us from your love.

**Today's Hymns**

**Introit** 404 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
**Gradual (9.30)** 415 The day of resurrection!

**Offertory**                    418    Up from the earth  
**Dismissal**                    321    Crown him with many crowns

**A.G.M. next Sunday 10<sup>TH</sup> April.**

**Only ONE service at 9.30am.**

**Meeting will take place during service.**

**Readings for today Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Acts 5: 27-32

**Epistle** - Revelation 1: 4-8

**Gospel** - John 20: 19-31

8.00am Readers – Rosemary Maire and Jim Cozens

9.30am Readers – Tex Riley and Megan Bowden

**Acts 5: 27 – 32**

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

## **Revelation 1: 4 – 8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **John 20: 19 – 31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to

Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Prayers for the sick –**

We remember in our prayers today - Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Meadowvale Avenue.

**Jars –** Jim needs more jars so that when it is time to make marmalade he has sufficient jars. If you don't know the ones he requires please speak with him.

**This Week**

<b>Tuesday 5</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 11.30. Lunch today cost \$5.00 Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. 10.00am Holy Communion Park Lane.
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 7</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>One service to be held today. A.G.M will be held during 9.30am service.</b>

## **Readings for next Sunday 10th April**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Acts 9: 1-6

**Epistle** – Revelation 5: 11-14

**Gospel** – John 21:1-19

9.30am Readers – Tania Manuel and Maureen Christensen

**Garage Sale** – will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Help will be needed on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm for setting up tables and clearing goods off stage. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am for setting up stalls.

**Dinner** – would like to have dinner with some fellow parishioners on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at **Athenia in Roma** 7 Milford Road we will be meeting at 7pm. If you are interested please sign list at back of church.  
(pay for your own meal and drinks).