

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

Sunday 17th April 2016
Fourth Sunday after Easter

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TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am – Holy Communion Blue Book

9.30am – Holy Communion New Zealand Prayer Book 476

Sentence – Jesus said, if you dwell within the revelation I have brought, you are indeed my disciples; you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:31,32

Collect – Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Today's Hymns

Introit 77 All people that on earth do dwell

Gradual 82 For all who live beneath the skies

Offertory 42 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Dismissal 646 What a friend we have in Jesus

Readings for today Sunday 17th April

1st Reading – Acts 9: 36-43

Epistle – Revelation 7: 9-17

Gospel – John 10: 22-30

Readers 8.00am – Brynyce Owen and Mary Griffiths

Readers 9.30am – Christine and Chris Maud

Acts 9: 36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud

voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

John 10: 22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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
Quebec Road, Raines Avenue, Seine road, Trevone Place.

This Week

Tuesday 19	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Cost \$3.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun.
Wednesday 20	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 21	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NO MAINLY MUSIC
Sunday 24	Services 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

Readings for next Sunday 24th April

1st Reading – Acts 11: 1-18

Epistle – Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel – John 13: 31-35

Readers 8.00am – Mary Chamberlain and Mary Griffiths

Readers 9.30am – Priscilla Philip and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Parish A.G.M was held last Sunday

Below is a list of people elected to serve the parish for the next year. Synods Reps. are elected for a 3 year term.

Vicars Warden - Graeme Thomas

Peoples Warden - Pamela Martin

Synods Reps. For the next 3 years – Megan Bowden and Mary Griffiths

Vestry members – Graeme Thomas, Pamela Martin, Megan Bowden, Mary Griffiths, Gaylene Hotchkiss, Patrick Jackson, Tania Manuel, Pricilla Philip, Tex Riley Karen Stubbs, Jack Weir.

Thank you -

To Pat, Neil and Sian St Clair for making the Garage sale sign. We are most grateful for your generosity of time. Thank you also to all who helped set up garage sale on Thursday night, Friday morning. And who worked so hard on Saturday.

Wanted by Opportunity Shop -

We would love a set of shelves or a nice display cabinet or a Welsh dresser for the op shop to display our goods. If they need a coat of paint that is okay any donations would be wonderful. Many thanks
Liz and her team.

Dinner – would like to have dinner with some fellow parishioners on Thursday 21st 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).

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.