

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

Sunday 24th April 2016
Fifth Sunday after Easter

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TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am – Holy Communion NZPB 476

9.30am – Holy Communion NZPB 476

Sentence – Without seeing Christ you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.

1 Peter 1:8

Collect – Holy God, you feed us with earthly and with spiritual food.

Deathless, unutterable, you have chosen us, sinful as we are, to hear your word and to proclaim your truth. Alleluia! Make us salt of the earth; make us yeast in the loaf. Amen

Today's Hymns

Introit 170 Christ whose glory fills the skies

Gradual	180	Love is his word
Offertory	188	There is a wideness in God's mercy
Dismissal	298	For the beauty of the earth

Readings for today 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

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send

to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Revelation 21: 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You

will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road.

This Week

Tuesday 26	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Cost \$3.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun.
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 28	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NO MAINLY MUSIC
Sunday 1 May	Services 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

Readings for next Sunday 1st May

1st Reading – Acts 16: 9-15

Epistle – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel – John 14: 23-29

Readers 8.00am –Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30am – To be advised

Garage Sale takings –

The amount has risen to \$1744.20 well done to everyone.

Tax receipts –

The envelope offerings have been posted by Trust Management Ltd. People should receive them in the mail early next week.

Audited accounts –

The audited financial accounts are now available. Megan will have copies of them available today.

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 –

Parish dinner 20 parishioners enjoyed each others company on Thursday night at the Athenia in Roma restaurant. We must do it again.

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.