

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

Sunday 8th May 2016
Seventh Sunday after Easter

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TODAY'S .

8.00am – Holy Communion NZPB Page 476

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Sentence – Blessing and honour, glory and might, to the one who is seated on the throne and to the lamb for ever and ever!
Revelation 5:13

Collect – Eternal God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son with great triumph to be Lord of all; leave us not comfortless but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us that we may labour for the coming of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Today's Hymns

Introit 572 Christ is made the sure foundation

Gradual 434 Hail the day that sees him raise

Offertory 442 The head that once was crowned with
thorns

Readings for today Sunday 8th May**1st Reading** – Acts 16:16-34**Epistle** – Revelation 22: 12-14,16-17, 20-21**Gospel** – John 17; 20-26

Readers 8.00am – Rosemary Maire and Jim Cozens

Readers 9.30am – Maureen Christensen and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was

an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Revelation 22: 12-14,16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17: 20-26

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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 Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue.

This Week

Tuesday 10	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Cost \$3.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun.
Wednesday 11	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 12	10.00am Mainly Music
Sunday 15	Pentecost Sunday. Services 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion. Services this Sunday will be taken by the Rev'd Hilary Leith.

Readings for next Sunday 15th May

1st Reading – Acts 2:1-21

Epistle – Romans 8:

Gospel – John 14: 8-17

Readers 8.00am – Jack Weir and Ian Turner

Readers 9.30am – Tania Manuel and Marion Chiswell

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.

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.