

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

Sunday 4th September 2016
18th Sunday after Pentecost

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TODAY

8.00am – Holy Communion Blue Book
9.30am – Holy Communion NZPB 404

Sentence – You O Lord are in your holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before you. Habakkuk 2:20

Collect – Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, keep us under the protection of your good providence and help us continually to revere and love your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Introit 634 Will you come and follow me
Gradual 626 Light of the minds that know him
Offertory 645 Take up your cross, the Saviour said
Dismissal 678 Take my life and let it be

Readings for today Sunday 4th September

1st Reading – Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Epistle – Philemon 1-21

Gospel – Luke 14: 25-33

Readers 8.00am – Mary Griffiths and Jack Weir

Readers 9.30am – Karen Stubbs and Megan Bowden

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say

Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife

and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying”, This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

We remember in our prayers today – Louie (Hilary’s grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue, Quebec Road.

A Parishioner who lives close to Milford would like someone to house sit her home for the month of October. For further information please call Margaret on 09 410 0472.

This Week

Tuesday 06	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 11.30am. Monthly lunch. Join us for friendship, fellowship, fun and good conversation. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 07	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 08	10.00am mainly music.
Sunday 11	Services at 8.00am and 9.30am.

Readings for next Sunday 11th September

1st Reading – Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Epistle – 1Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel – Luke 15:1-10

Readers 8.00am – Mary Griffiths and Mary Chamberlain

Readers 9.30am – Chris and Christine Maud

Please read this important notice

We are running a Trade Me account to sell donated goods that are for whatever reason are not suitable for sale through the Op Shop itself. These will be in the back of the Hall and stacked as neatly as possible. Please do not move these around or remove anything. Once there is a “Sold” sticker on them they have been listed and/or sold and are no longer available for purchase by anyone else. We don't really want people moving them as we don't want them damaged or be unable to find them once buyers call to pick them up. Thanks Karen.