

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

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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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TODAY

8.00 am – NZPB 476

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Sentence – How good and pleasant a thing it is when God's people live in unity. Psalm 133:1

Collect – Gentle God grant that at home where we are most truly ourselves, where we are known at our best and worst, we may learn to forgive and be forgiven. Amen

Introit 44 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Gradual 34 We plough the fields and scatter
Offertory 458 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Dismissal 298 For the beauty of the earth

Readings for today Sunday 2nd October

1st Reading – Lamentations 1: 1-6

Epistle – 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Gospel – Luke 17: 5-10

Readers 8.00 am – Ian Turner and Jack Weir

Readers 9.30 am – Karen Stubbs and Megan Bowden

Lamentations 1: 1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!

How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!

She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;

among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;

all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;

she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place;

her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate,

her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions;

her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed

all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture;

they fled without strength before the pursuer.

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved

child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

We remember in our prayers today – Louie (Hilary’s grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road, Gordon Avenue.

This Week

Tuesday 4	Selwyn Centre 9.30 am – 12.00. Join us for friendship, fellowship, fun and good conversation. Monthly lunch cost \$5.00
Wednesday 5	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 6	NO Mainly Music, school holidays.
Sunday 9	Services at 8.00 am and 9.30 am.

Readings for next Sunday 9th October

1st Reading – Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Epistle – 2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel – Luke 17: 11-19

Readers 8.00 am – Mary Griffiths and Jack Weir

Readers 9.30 am – Maureen Christensen and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Garage Sale –

Thanks to all those who came down Thursday night to remove goods from the stage. Also to everyone who set up stalls on Friday, and for those who worked tirelessly on Saturday morning. We are most grateful, we couldn't stage such an event without you all.

Parish Dinner Thursday 20th October -

7 pm at Monthien Tai Restaurant fully licensed and BYO.

Please sign list at the back of the church by the 16th October if you would like to join us.

'Seasons' fundraising movie

Sunday 16th October – 5pm – Bridgeway Cinema - \$18.00 per ticket'

The movie is "Golden Years". It's blurb says: Having fallen foul of the pension crisis after five decades of law-abiding, tax-paying citizenship, retired couple Martha and Arthur are forced into an unexpected life of crime in this star-studded comedy heist caper.