

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

Sunday 27th November 2016

Advent Sunday

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Sentence: 'Heaven and earth will pass away', says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away'. Mark 13:31

Collect: Eternal God through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you are a light to illuminate our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory forever. Amen

TODAY

8.00 am – Advent Liturgy

9.30 am – Advent Liturgy

Introit 591 Christ is the world's light
Gradual 331 We have a gospel to proclaim
Offertory 474 My God, now is your table spread
Dismissal 338 O come, O come Emmanuel

Readings for today Sunday 27th November

1st Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5

Epistle – Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel – Matthew 24: 36-44

Readers 8.00 am – Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30 am – Tania Manuel and Tex Riley

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many people's; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Romans 13: 11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24: 36-44

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept

them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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 Aberdeen Road, Bevyn Street, Braemar Road. Beach Road,

This Week

Tuesday 29	Selwyn Centre 9.30 am – Join us for friendship, fellowship, fun and good conversation. Cost \$3.00
Wednesday 30	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
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Thursday 1	10.00 am Mainly Music.
Sunday 4	Services 8.00 am and 9.30 am.

Readings for next Sunday 4th December Advent 2

1st Reading – Isaiah 11: 1-10

Epistle – Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel – Matthew 3: 1-12

Readers 8.00 am – To be advised

Readers 9.30 am – Karen Stubbs and Megan Bowden

OP SHOP AFTERNOON TEA - Once again thank you Graeme and Tex for a delicious afternoon tea.

WORKING BEE – Christmas working Bee Thursday 15th December starting at 6pm with a meal of fish and chips.
All the more the merrier!!

Christmas Toy Appeal for Anglican Trust For Women and Children – Please bring children's toys over the next 3 Sundays. Do not wrap toys however Christmas paper would be gratefully accepted.

Help required in the Op Shop - There are a couple of spaces on the monthly Op Shop roster. Is there anyone who would like to go on an emergency ringing list? Or anyone who would be able to work a permanent day once a month or more if you are able. Please see either Pam or Gaylene with days and times that would be suitable to you. Morning hours are 9.30am to 12.30 and afternoon hours 12.30 to 3.30pm any help would be greatly received.

Nine Lessons in Carols will be held on Sunday 18th December
There will be only **ONE** service at 9.30am followed by a shared morning tea.