

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD  
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford  
**Sunday 29th January 2017**  
**Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**



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**Sentence:**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. Malachi 3:1

**Collect:**

**Everlasting God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented as a child in the temple to be the hope of your people; grant us pure hearts and minds that we may be transformed into his likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**TODAY**

8.00 am – NZPB 404

9.30 am – NZPB 404

**Introit** 335 Come, O long expected Jesus  
**Gradual** 336 Jesus, hope of every nation  
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**Readings for today Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Presentation of Jesus in the temple**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Malachi 3:1-5

**Epistle** – Hebrews 2:14-18

**Gospel** – Luke 2:22-40

Readers 8.00 am – Jack Weir and Ian Turner

Readers 9.30 am – Liz Powell and Marion Chiswell

**Malachi 3:1-5**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## **Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

We remember in our prayers today – Kelvin, Louie (Hilary’s grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, and Carol. And we remember parishioners and residents in Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street, and Braemar Road.

## **This Week - February**

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am Mainly Music recommences.</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Services 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

### **Parish Dinner –**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February to be held at the Royal Garden Chinese restaurant in Shakespeare Road Milford. Restaurant sits back from the road close to the Shakespeare Road bakery. If you are planning to come please sign form at the back of the church by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February for booking purposes. Pay for your own food and drinks. Join us for a night of fellowship.

### **Annual General Meeting -**

Will be held after the 9.30am service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March. There will be **NO** 8.00am service on that Sunday. If you need to write a report to present to this meeting could you please have them to Mary by Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> March. Reports are needed from the Vicar, Wardens, Building and Maintenance, Treasurer, Mainly Music, Op Shop, Selwyn Centre.

### **Garage Sale –**

Our next Garage Sale is planned for Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>. For storage purposes please encourage people to bring their contributions down to the church as near to this date as possible.

### **Readings for next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 58:1-12  
Epistle – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20

Readers 8.00 - Millie McHattie and Mary Grtiffiths  
Readers 9.30am – Maureen Christensen and Pam Martin