

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

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**Sentence:**

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? Matthew 5:13

**Collect:**

**Great and loving God, you call your people to be salt of the earth and light to the world. Empower us to live in such a way that people may see our good works and give glory to you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

8.00 am – Blue Book

9.30 am – NZPB 476

**Introit**                4    Here in this place  
**Gradual**            663 Come, down O love divine  
**Offertory**          319 Christ triumphant, ever reigning  
**Dismissal**        592 Church of God, elect and glorious

**Readings today Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
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1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isaiah 58:1-12

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel – Matthew 5:13-20

Readers 8.00 - Millie Mc Hattie and Mary Griffiths

Readers 9.30am - Maureen Christensen and Pam Martin

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

## **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

## **Matthew 5:13-20**

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road, Garmons Way, Heathcote Road.

### Readings for next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

**Epistle** – 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

**Gospel** – Matthew 5: 21-37

Readers 8.00 am – Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30 am – Priscilla Philip and Gaylene Hotchkiss

### This Week - February

<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	Selwyn Centre resumes for 2017. Come and join us for friendship, fun and fellowship. First Tuesday of the month join us for lunch. Cost \$5.00.
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	10.00 am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 12th</b>	Services 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

**Parish Dinner** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm 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 attend 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 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