

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

**Sunday 21st May 2017**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

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[Our thanks to the Rev'd Max Cranch who has taken our services for the last two Sundays and Wednesdays. Max we hope you have enjoyed being with us, we have loved having you.](#)

**Sentence:** Those who love me will keep my word, Jesus promises, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:23

**Collect:** O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

8.00 am – NZPB 404

9.30 am – NZPB 404

**Introit** 432 Christ is the world's true light  
**Gradual** 554 Breathe on me breath of God  
**Offertory** 669 Lord, be my vision  
**Dismissal** 92 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him

**Readings for today Sunday 21st May  
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**1st Reading** – Acts 17: 22-31

**Epistle** – 1 Peter 3:13-22

**Gospel** – John 14:15-21

Readers 8.00 am – To be advised

Readers 9.30 am – Karen Stubbs and Liz Powell

**Acts 17: 22-31**

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**1 Peter 3: 13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### **John 14: 15-21**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

We remember in our prayers today – Kelvin, Louie (Hilary’s grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, Carol and Lynette. And we remember parishioners and residents in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

**Readings for next Sunday 28th May  
7th Sunday of Easter**

**1st Reading** – Acts 1: 6-14

**Epistle** – 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

**Gospel** – John 17: 1-11

Readers 8.00 am – To be advised

Readers 9.30 am – Christine Maud and Marion Chiswell

**This Week - May**

<b>Tuesday 23rd</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fun, fellowship and good conversation. Cost \$3.00
<b>Wednesday 24th</b>	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	Services 8.00am and 9.30am.

**Hospital Service Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am –**

It is St Paul’s turn to host the chapel service at North Shore Hospital. Please see Priscilla if you can help. Priscilla will explain to you what is required. It is a very worthwhile and enjoyable ministry.