

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

Sunday 24th September

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Sentence – By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doings; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2: 8,9

Collect – Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8.00am – NZPB 404

9.30am – NZPB 404

Introit 39 Great is your faithfulness
Gradual 479 Put peace into each other's hands
Offertory 299 For the fruits of his creation
Dismissal 623 Forth in your name, O Lord I go

Readings for today Sunday 24th September

1st Reading – Exodus 16: 2-15

Epistle – Philippians 1: 21-30

Gospel – Matthew 20: 1-16

Readers 8.00am – To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Marion Chiswell and Maureen Christensen

Exodus 16: 2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to

them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Philippians 1: 21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20: 1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market place; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what

belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

We remember in our prayers today – Ken and Doreen, Kelvin, Louie (Hilary's grandson) Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, Carol, Lynette, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Trafalgar Road, Waterloo Road, Wolsley Avenue, Shakespeare Road.

This Week September

Tuesday 26th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Join us for fun, fellowship and good conversation. Cost \$3.00. 7.30pm Vestry meeting.
Wednesday 27th	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 28th	10.00 am Mainly Music. Final for this term. Recommences Thursday 19 th October.
Sunday 1st October	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

Readings for next Sunday 1st October

1st Reading – Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle – Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel – Matthew 21:23-32

Readers 8.00am – To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Karen Stubbs and Megan Bowden

Parish Dinner -

Thursday 12th October 7pm at Langkawi Malaysian Restaurant 120 Kitchener Road Milford. Please sign list at back of church if you are able to attend.

New Addition to the Op Shop -

To help raise money for the Auckland City Mission we now have on the counter a collection box for donations.

New Sign? -

Vestry are exploring the possibility of an illuminated sign to be attached to the church. This is so the church is visible from East Coast Road.