

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Advent Sunday 3rd December



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Sentence – To you Lord I lift up my soul; my God I have put my trust in you; you are God my Saviour; for you have I waited all the day long.
Psalm 25: 1-4

Collect – Almighty God, give us grace to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that when he shall come again in his glorious majesty we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

8.00am - Advent Liturgy
9.30am - Advent Liturgy

Introit 525 All my hopes on God is founded
Gradual 438 Jesus comes with clouds descending
Offertory 458 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Dismissal 338 O come O come Emmanuel (omit vs 3&4)

Readings for today Sunday 3rd December

1st Reading – Isaiah 64: 1-9

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel – Mark 13:24-37

Readers 8.00am – Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers 9.30am – Chris and Christine Maud

Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might
tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for
him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your
ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we
transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our
righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our
iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your
name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from
us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your
people.

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you
were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

We remember in our prayers today – Campbell, Logan, Barbara, Ken, Doreen, Kelvin, Louie, Briar, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Julieanne, Carol, Lynette, Gail, Ella and Macey. And residents and parishioners in Pax Avenue, Quebec Road, Raines Avenue, Regal Place, Seine Road.

This Week

Tuesday 5th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Join us for fun, fellowship and good conversation. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 6th	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 7th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 10th	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

Readings for next Sunday 10th December

1st Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11

Epistle – 2 Peter 3: 8-15

Gospel – Mark 1: 1-8

Readers 8.00am – To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Priscilla Philip and Maureen Christensen

Important dates to put in your diaries –

Tuesday December 12th-

Selwyn Centre Christmas Lunch.

Wednesday December 20th -

Final 10.00am Communion Service for 2017

No Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion in January.

Sunday December 24th Christmas Eve -

One service at 9.30am. Nine lessons and Carols.

5pm Christingle.

Midnight Service Holy Communion 11.00pm

Christmas Day December 25th – Holy Communion 8.00am & 9.30am

Sunday 31st December and Sunday 7th January –

There will be **ONE** service on these two Sundays at 9.30am. Service will be taken by the Rev'd Max Cranch.

Confirmation Service with Bishop Ross Sunday May 20th 2018