

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Second Sunday in Advent 10th December



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Sentence – Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.
Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:5a

Collect - Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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 436 Hark! a trumpet call is sounding
Gradual 331 We have a gospel to proclaim
Offertory 179 Love divine, all loves excelling
Dismissal 339 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

Readings for today Sunday 10th December

1st Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11

Epistle – 2 Peter 3: 8-13

Gospel – Mark 1: 1-8

Readers 8.00am – To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Priscilla Philip and Maureen Christensen

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

"A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

2 Peter 3: 8-15

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

Mark 1: 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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 Trevone Place, Alma Road, Argyle Terrace, Brian Avenue, Cecil Road.

Readings for next Sunday 17th December

1st Reading – Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel – John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Readers 8.00am – To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Karen Stubbs and Marion Chiswell

This Week

Tuesday 12th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am - Christmas lunch. Final for the year. Resumes Tuesday 13 th February.
Wednesday 13th	10.00 am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
Thursday 14th	10.00am Mainly Music. Final for the year. Resumes Thursday 8 th February.
Sunday 17th	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

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