

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 22nd April
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Sentence – 'I am the good shepherd', says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.' John 10:14

Collect – Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

8.00am – Blue Book

9.30am – NZPB 404

Introit 27B Angel-voices ever singing
Gradual 404 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Offertory 469 I come with joy, a child of God
Dismissal 328 Priest and victim Jesus dies -

Readings for today Sunday 22nd April

1st Reading - Acts 4: 5-12

Epistle -1 John 3: 16-24

Gospel – John 10: 11-18

Readers - 8.00am – Jack Weir and Nicky Roper

Acts 4: 5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

1 John 3: 16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10: 11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

We remember in our prayers – Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Barbara, Ken, Doreen, Kelvin, Louie, Robyn, Bob and Gabrielle, Simon, Carol, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Prospect Terrace, Rangitoto Terrace, Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road.

Readings for next Sunday 29th April A.G.M. One Service 9.30am

1st Reading – Acts 8:26-40

Epistle – 1 John 4: 7-21

Gospel – John 15: 1-8

Readers - 9.30am – To be advised

Parish Dinner - For those who attended the parish dinner on Thursday night it was great company and food and a good time was had by all. Watch this space for the next exciting instalment.

Garage Sale – To all those who helped on Friday and Saturday and for all those who contributed in different ways thank you for your support and contributions.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00,
Wednesday 25th	Anzac Day No 10.00am Communion service.
Thursday 26th	School holidays NO Mainly Music.
Sunday 29th	A.G.M during 9.30am service. No 8.00 am service today.

Nomination Forms - for election of Peoples Warden and Vestry members are at the back of the church. Please hand the completed forms to the vicar.

PLEASE NOTE - The Parish A.G.M will be held during the 9.30am service next **Sunday 29th April**. There will be **NO** 8.00am service that day.

