

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 17th June

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Sentence – In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespassers against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 2 Corinthians 5:19

Collect – Almighty God, without you we are unable to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8.00am – Blue Book
9.30am – NZPB 404

Introit 34 Come, you thankful people, come
Gradual 299 For the fruits of his creation
Offertory 470 I hunger and I thirst
Dismissal 184 The kingdom of God

Readings for next Sunday 17th June

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13

Epistle – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10,14-17

Gospel – Mark 4: 26-34

Readers - 8.00am – Michael and Patsy Hill

Readers - 9.30am – Margaret McLaren and Gaylene Hotchkiss

1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10,14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

We remember in our prayers – Margaret, Shadrak, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Aberdeen Road, Beach Road, Bevyn Street, Braemar Road.

THE WEEK

Tuesday 19th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 20th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 21st	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 24th	Services 8.00am and 9.30am

Readings for next Sunday 24th June

1st Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11

Epistle – Acts 13: 14b-26

Gospel – Luke 1:57- 66,80

Readers - 8.00am – To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Patrick Jackson and Priscilla Philip

- **Mid winter fundraising dinner**

Please make a note in your diaries, we are having a fund raising dinner on Saturday 7th July in the parish hall. Starting at 6pm. Draft menu available for you to see. A raffle will also be available to win a gourmet gift basket.

- **Lady Allum Service**

The Holy Communion service on Thursday went really well and was attended by 18 people. This is a great result and the people responded by saying how grateful they were to have an Anglican service and how they felt so at home. Thanks Nicky for your willingness to be involved in this ministry.

- **Offerings by automatic payment**

People wishing to make their envelope offerings through regular automatic payments into our bank account should set them up with their name and their envelope number as the reference. The church bank account is 12-3050-0263961-00. If you don't have an envelope number yet, speak to Megan at church, email her at meganbowden@xtra.co.nz or phone 4105117.