

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea**  
**Sunday 23rd September**

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**Sentence** - Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. Mark 9:35

**Collect** - God and Father of all, you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first, and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom: give us the wisdom from above, so that we may understand that in your sight the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

8.00am - NZPB 404  
9.30am - NZPB 404

**Introit**                554 Breathe on me, breath of God  
**Gradual**             665 Fill now my life, O Lord my God  
**Offertory**            201 Jesus, lover of my soul  
**Dismissal**          509 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all Joy

**Readings for today Sunday 23rd September**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Proverbs 31: 10-31  
**Epistle** - James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a  
**Gospel** - Mark 9: 30-37

**Readers - 8.00am - To be advised**

**Readers - 9.30am – Patrick Jackson and Priscilla Philip**

**Proverbs 31: 10-31**

A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.

She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her  
household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,  
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them;  
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household,  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her happy;  
her husband too, and he praises her:  
“Many women have done excellently,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

### **James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

### **Mark 9: 30-37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

We remember in our prayers – Tex, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Shadrak, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Otakau Road, Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place.

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. Bible Study group 11.30 - 12.30pm.
<b>Thursday 27th</b>	10.00am Mainly Music.
<b>Sunday 30th</b>	8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion Service.

### **Readings for next Sunday 30th September**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22

**Epistle** - James 5: 13-20

**Gospel** – Mark 9: 38-50

**Readers** - 8.00am - To be advised

**Readers** - 9.30am – Karen Stubbs and Megan Bowden

### **St Francis Day Service -**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of October there will be a St Francis pet blessing service. There will be a **9.30am service only on this Sunday**. Please be prepared for a little chaos!



## **Bible Study Group**

Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> 11.30am – 12.30am

**#4 Democracy.** Jesus is not often associated with having anything to say about democracy. He did however teach about freedom and many of his teachings had political implications that have been developed by Christians over the last 2000 years.

**Fund Raising High Tea** - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in the parish hall. Starting with a complimentary glass of champagne. Hats and gloves optional !!!!! Cost \$30.00.

**Lectures** - please see notice board for the **Sir Paul Reeves Memorial Lecture** and the **Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon's Lecture** on modern slavery and human trafficking today.