

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea

Sunday 30th September

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Sentence - Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can it be seasoned? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another. Mark 9: 50

Collect - O God, your Son has taught us those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

Introit 39 Great is your faithfulness
Gradual 669 Lord, be my vision
Offertory 241 O God of Jacob, by whose hand
Dismissal 574 God of grace and God of glory

Readings for today Sunday 30th September

1st 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

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people - that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

James 5: 13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They

should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9: 38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,^[1] to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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 Prospect Terrace, Rangitoto Terrace, Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 2nd	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 3rd	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. NO Bible Study for the next 2 weeks.
Thursday 4th	School Holidays NO Mainly Music.
Sunday 7th	Only one service at 9.30am. St Francis Pet Blessing Service 9.30am

Readings for next Sunday 7th October

1st Reading - Song of Three

Epistle - Galatians 6: 14-18

Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

Readers - 9.30am - Liz Powell and Maureen Christensen

St Francis Day Service -

On the 7th 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

No Bible Study for the next 2 weeks. Study will resume on Wednesday 21st November.

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