

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea
Sunday 4th November

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Sentence - Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.
Luke 6: 38

Collect - O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious Kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

Introit 664 Father of all, whose laws have stood
Gradual 179 Love divine, all loves excelling
Offertory 483 Welcome to another day
Dismissal 180 Love is his word, love is his way

Readings for today Sunday 4th November

1st Reading - Ruth 1: 1-18
Epistle - Hebrews 9: 11-14
Gospel - Mark 12: 28-34

Readers - 8.00am – To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Megan Bowden and Patrick Jackson

Ruth 1: 1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die - there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Hebrews 9: 11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbour as oneself, - this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

We remember in our prayers – Hazel, Tex, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Shadrak, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road, Garmons Way, Heathcote Road.

THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday 6th | 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00. |
| Wednesday 7th | 10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. Bible Study 11.30am. |
| Thursday 8th | 10.00am Mainly Music. |
| Sunday 11th | Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am |

Readings for next Sunday 11th November

1st Reading - Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17

Epistle - Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel - Mark 12: 38-44

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Maureen Christensen and Liz Powell



Bible Study Group -

Wednesday October 7th - 11:30am.

Jesus the Game-Changer and Leadership.

Despite being the most influential figure in human history; Jesus gathered only a small group of followers in His lifetime and calls for His followers to serve one another as servant leaders.

