

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea - Sunday 25th November



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Sentence - Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.
Revelation 5:12

Collect - Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King; grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8.00am - NZPB 476

9.30am - NZPB 476

Introit 179 Love divine, all loves excelling
Gradual 440 Rejoice the Lord is King
Offertory 205 The king of love my shepherd is
Dismissal 71 To God be the glory

Readings for today Sunday 25th November

1st Reading - 2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Epistle - Revelation 1: 4b-8

Gospel - John 18: 33-37

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Patrick Jackson and Priscilla Philip

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Revelation 1: 4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is
to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and
from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and
the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and
made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to
him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

We remember in our prayers – Audrey, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 27th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 28th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. Bible Study 11.30am.
Thursday 29th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 2nd December	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am Advent One

**Readings for next Sunday 2nd December
Advent One**

1st Reading - Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

Gospel - Luke 21: 25-36

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Megan Bowden and Karen Stubbs

Bible Study Group Wednesday November 28th - 11:30am.

JESUS THE GAME CHANGER: EPISODE 10 – Reason and Science

Despite the popular stereotype that Christianity is anti-intellectual and anti-scientific, modern education, academia and science are actually rooted in large measure in the teachings of Jesus. Are religion and science really enemies? What is the relationship between religion and science?

In order to do science, one must assume that reality is orderly, intelligible and understandable.

Do the dominant narratives of today provide these foundations or are they borrowing from more Christian/Biblical world views?



**Anglican Trust for Women and Children –
Christmas gifts**

Because of the way Christmas falls this year we will need to have your gifts in by Sunday 9th December. This is a great opportunity to start your shopping now. Please remember the gifts have to be unwrapped.

Thank you to all who volunteered and helped out on Friday and Saturday for the clothing and toy sale. A great team effort for which we are very grateful.

Thank you to Marion who spent many hours on Friday tidying up the library in the foyer. I am sure you will agree it looks great.