

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea - Sunday 2nd December



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Sentence – Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 28

Collect – Eternal God you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

8.00am - 9.30am – Advent Liturgy

Introit 454 Come and see the shining hope
Gradual 376 Songs of thankfulness and praise
Offertory 353 In the bleak mid winter
Dismissal 438 Jesus comes with clouds descending

Readings for Today 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

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21: 25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

We remember in our prayers – Pat, Ian, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Campbell, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue, Keldale Place, Kennedy Avenue, Knightsbridge Drive.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 4th

9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost

	\$3.00.
Wednesday 5th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea. Bible Study 11.30am.
Thursday 6th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am Advent Two

**Readings for next Sunday 9th December
Advent Two**

1st Reading – Malachi 3: 1-4

Epistle – Philmleon 1: 3-11

Gospel - Luke 3: 1-6

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Marion Chiswell and Liz Powell



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.

**St Paul's by the Sea Anglican Church Milford
Christmas Services**

Sunday 23rd December

9.30am - Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00 pm - Family and Children Christingle Service

11.00 pm - Carols, Candles, and Communion

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.00 am - Carols and Holy Communion

9.30 am - Carols and Holy Communion