

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD**  
**St Paul's-by-the-Sea - Sunday 9th December**



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**Sentence** - By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1: 78-79

**Collect** – God of our Salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**8.00am - 9.30am** – Advent Liturgy

**Introit**            339 On Jordan's bank the Baptists cry  
**Gradual**          505 His eyes will guide my foot steps  
**Offertory**        384 My song is love unknown  
**Dismissal**        437 I cannot tell why he whom angels worship

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Malachi 3: 1-4  
**Epistle** - Philemon 1: 3-11

**Gospel** - Luke 3: 1-6

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

**Readers** - 9.30am – Marion Chiswell and Liz Powell

### **Malachi 3: 1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **Philemon 1: 3-11**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

### **Luke 3: 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

We remember in our prayers – Pat, Ian, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Louie, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Linwood Avenue, Lyttleton Avenue, Madison Place, Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue.

### **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 11th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship. Cost \$3.00. Final for the year. Resuming February 5 <sup>th</sup> .
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion service. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 13th	10.00am Mainly Music. Final for the year. Resuming February 7 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am</b>

**Readings for next Sunday 16th December  
Advent Three**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** - Zephariah 3: 14-20

**Epistle** - Philemon 4: 4-7

**Gospel** - Luke 3: 7-18

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

**Readers** - 9.30am – Margaret McLaren and Gaylene Hotchkiss



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

Gifts will be delivered to the ATWC tomorrow. If you have forgotten to bring your gifts please leave in church foyer by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for all the gifts we have received.

It's great to have the Reverend Peni Silikiwale his wife Makelesi and Asilka and Waisiki all of whom will be with us for a year.

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

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

9.30am - Nine Lessons and Carols

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

5.00 pm - Family and Children Christingle Service

11.00 pm - Carols, Candles, and Communion

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

8.00 am - Carols and Holy Communion

9.30 am - Carols and Holy Communion