

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 3rd March

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Sentence - 'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it'. Isaiah 55:11

Collect - Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and freed us from bondage to sin: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Introit 90 O worship the King
Gradual 188 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Offertory 537 My hope is built on nothing less
Dismissal 680 When I survey the wondrous cross

Readings for today Sunday 3rd March

1st Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-13

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Gospel - Luke 6: 39-49

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Megan Bowden and Patrick Jackson

Isaiah 55: 10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Luke 6: 39-49

He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

We remember in our prayers - Peter, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Waterloo Road, Wolsley Avenue, Shakespeare Road.

**Readings for next Sunday 10th March
First Sunday in Lent**

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Epistle - Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel - Luke 4:1-13

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Marion Chiswell and Liz Powell

This Week

Tuesday 5th March - Selwyn Centre 9.30am Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.

Wednesday 6th March Ash Wednesday - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 7th March - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 10th March - 8.00am Holy Communion - 9.30am Holy Communion.

Lenten study has begun - Wednesdays 11:30am -12:30pm using the Visual Bible presentation. Study consists of a 30 minute dvd portrayal of the word for word text of Matthews gospel followed by 30 minute discussion. The study has been scheduled to allow for the accounts of Palm Sunday; Holy Week and Easter to coincide with the actual calendar events this year. Notes are provided.

Enquiries to Colleen and Richard Binns.

Parish Dinner – How quickly this year is going! Its time that we have another trip to one of the local restaurants to share some great food and fellowship. We are starting with a visit to Musashi Japanese Restaurant in Milford. Date 4th of April 2019 at 7pm. If you are able to attend please add your name to the list.

High Tea – Given the great success of our last high tea, and the number of requests from those who attended, the next high tea will

be on Saturday 11th May (the day before Mother's Day). Please book this into your diary, more details to follow.