

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 17th March
Second Sunday in Lent

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Sentence - Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20

Collect - God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

8.00am - Lenten Liturgy

9.30am - Lenten Liturgy

Introit 669 Lord, be my vision
Gradual 170 Christ whose glory fills the sky
Offertory 474 My God, now is your table spread
Dismissal 324 Name of all majesty

Readings for today Sunday 17th March **Second Sunday in Lent**

1st Reading - Genesis 15: 1-12, 17,18

Epistle - Philemon 3: 17:- 4:1

Gospel - Luke 13: 31-35

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Colleen and Richard Binns

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17,18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Philemon 3: 17- 4:1

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the

Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. One thing more - prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God.

Luke 13: 31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 Castor Bay Road, Dewsberry Avenue, Eastcliffe Road, Garmons Way, Heathcote Road.

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.

Readings for next Sunday 24th March
Third Sunday in Lent

1st Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-9

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Gospel - Luke 13: 1-9

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Priscilla Philip and Karen Stubbs

This Week

Tuesday 19th March - Selwyn Centre 9.30am Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.

Wednesday 20th March - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am.
Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 21st March - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 24th March - 8.00am Holy Communion - 9.30am Holy Communion.

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 Thursday 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.

Op Shop – There are a couple of shifts in the Op Shop that are now vacant. Monday and Friday afternoons from 12.30pm - 3.30pm. If you or anyone you know, are able to do one of these

days that would be greatly appreciated. Please let Pam Martin know regarding your availability.