

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD

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

Sunday 24th March

Third Sunday in Lent

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Sentence - 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55:9

Collect - O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through 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 - Lenten Liturgy

9.30am - Lenten Liturgy

Introit 93 Praise my soul the king of heaven

Gradual 26 Amazing grace

Offertory 535 Jesus priceless treasure

Dismissal (See sheet) O Love that wilt not let me go

Readings for today 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

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to
me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will
make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for
David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander
for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of
the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is
near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their
thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways,
says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your
thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our
ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the
sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the
sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same
spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed
them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased
with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

We remember in our prayers – Jessica, Peter, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Carol, Bob and Gabriel, Lynette and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

Lenten study continues - 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 31st March
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

1st Reading - Joshua 5: 9-12

Epistle - 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Gospel - Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am – Karen Stubbs and Patrick Jackson

This Week

Tuesday 26th March - Selwyn Centre 9.30am Join us for fun and friendship. Cost \$3.00.

Wednesday 27th March - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 28th March - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 31st March - 8.00am and 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.