

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 19th May

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Sentence - God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. John 4:16b

Collect - We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high: be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

9.30am - NZPB 404

Introit - 4 Here in this place
Gradual - 180 Love is his word, love is his way
Offertory - 168 And can it be that I should gain
Dismissal - 577 Lord of the church

Readings for today Sunday 19th May
One service today 9.30am

1st Reading - Acts 11: 1-18
Epistle - Revelation 21: 1-6
Gospel - John 13: 31-35
Readers - 9.30am – Pene Silikiwale and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they

praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Revelation 21: 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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 Brian Avenue, Cecil Road, Commodore Parry Road, Craig Road, Dallinghoe Crescent.

Readings for next Sunday 26th May

1st Reading - Acts 16: 9-15

Epistle - Revelation 21: 10, 22-5

Gospel - John 14: 23-29

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Liz Powell and Marion Chiswell

This Week

Tuesday 21st May - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 22nd May - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am.
Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 23rd May - 10am Mainly Music.

Sunday 26th May - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

