

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 30th June
Patronal Festival

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Sentence - His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians: 4: 11,12

Collect - Almighty God, we thank you for your servant Paul, leader of your Church and martyr for your name; fill us like him with your Spirit that we may follow in the way of Jesus Christ who endured the cross, despising the shame, and is at your right hand, now and forever. Amen

9.00am - Patronal Festival Liturgy

Introit - 54 Now thank we all our God
Gradual - 675 Rejoice in God's saints
Offertory - 607 We are called to stand together
Dismissal - 37 Glory in the highest

Readings for today Sunday 30th June

1st Reading - Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14
Epistle - Acts 12: 1-11

Gospel - Matthew 16: 13-19

Readers - Liz Powell and Karen Stubbs

Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-14

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" Then the angel who talked with me answered me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." He said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel:

For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

"These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth." Then I said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?" And a second time I said to him, "What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?" He said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." Then he said, "These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

Acts 12: 1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone

in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

Matthew 16: 13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

We remember in our prayers – Shobha, Bob, Jessica, Dennis, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Selwyn Crescent, Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue, Stratford Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 7th July

1st Reading - 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Epistle - Galatians 6: 7-16

Gospel - Luke 10: 1-1, 16-20

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Patrick Jackson and Megan Bowden.

This Week

Tuesday 2nd July - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 3rd July - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 4th July - 10am Mainly Music.

Sunday 7th July - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

Building Alterations - To keep you up-to-date with the recladding of the church, questions were raised in relation to the need for council approval. Originally, it was decided that because we were replacing the existing cladding with similar cladding, that Council would not need to be involved. There was, however, uncertainty replacing the internal guttering. Most of the building issues in the church over recent years have been due to the internal guttering rusting causing major problems. To avoid similar issues, Vestry decided, based on David Oswald's recommendation, to have instead external guttering.

As this was a change, and because of the costs involved, Vestry agreed to check with an architect to see if Council needed to be consulted. The Architect determined, due to the extensive nature of the recladding and guttering, that Council would have to be involved.

As you can hopefully see, this has delayed the recladding of the church, and the budgeted costs have also increased. The

Architect's fees alone were \$6 900. We are currently awaiting Council to approve the existing plans sent to them. We will keep you informed when we hear anything.