

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 18th August

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Sentence - 'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Collect - Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 404

Introit - 669 Lord, be my vision
Gradual - 645 'Take up your cross', the Saviour said
Offertory - 560 O thou who camest from above
Dismissal - 93 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Readings for today Sunday 18th August

1st Reading - Isaiah 5: 1-7
Epistle - Hebrews 11: 29 -12: 2
Gospel - Luke 12: 49-56

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - Liz Powell and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in
it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in
it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be
overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected
justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hebrews 11: 29 -12: 2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry
land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were
drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been
encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not
perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received
the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of
Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the
prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered
justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched

raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12: 49-56

“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You

know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

We remember in our prayers - Tommy, Shobha, Bob, Jessica, Dennis, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Margaret, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Heathcote Road, Katui Street, Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road.

Readings for next Sunday 25th August

1st Reading - Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Epistle - Hebrews 12: 18-29

Gospel - Luke 13: 10-17

Readers - 8.00am to be advised

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

This Week

Tuesday 20th - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 21st - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 22nd - Mainly Music 10.00am

Sunday 25th - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion

