

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 17th November

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Sentence - May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. 2 Thessalonians 3: 16

Collect - Lord God of all ages, the One who is, who was, and is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the Son of justice dawns. We make our prayer through your Son, 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 - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Introit - 3 Thanks be to God

Gradual - 259 O day of peace

Offertory - 55 O for a thousand tongues to sing

Dismissal - 525 All my hope on God is founded

Readings for next Sunday 17th November

1st Reading - Isaiah 65: 17-25

Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel - Luke 21: 5-19

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Isaiah 65: 17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but
a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and
eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not
plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my
people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants
as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like
the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not
according to the tradition that they received from us. For you
yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we
were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it;
but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not
burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but
in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with
you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not
eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere
busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and
exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their
own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21: 5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

We remember in our prayers - Lorna, Lyn, Tommy, Shobha, Bob, Jessica, Dennis, Pat, Hazel, Robert, Shelley, Cynthia, Hilda, John, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel, and Gail. And residents and parishioners in Dewsbury Avenue, Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place, Prospect Terrace.

Readings for next Sunday 24th November

1st Reading - Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Epistle - Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel - Luke 23: 33-43

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Marion Chiswell and Priscilla Philip

This Week

Tuesday 19th November - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

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

Thursday 21st November - 10.00am Mainly Music. 7pm Parish dinner.

Sunday 24th November - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

High Tea - Thank you once again to Karen, Natalie and helpers for all the hard work, preparation and skill that went into making the High Tea such a success, and enjoyed by so many.

Parish Dinner - Thursday 21st November at 7pm. At Venice, the Italian restaurant in Kitchener Road. Please sign list at back of church if you will be attending.

Recladding of the church - On Tuesday night vestry read through David's letter about the increased costs (an approximate \$30 900) due to a number of council requirements. As you know, we had donations, and had raised the money required to meet David's first quote. With having to pay council, architect, and other fees, this meant that the \$50 000 initially raised is now down to \$32 500. Vestry has asked David to see what work may now be possible with the reduced funds.

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The good news is that on Friday we received a very generous donation of \$10,000 towards the building costs.