

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 1ST December First Sunday in Advent

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Sentence - Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 28

Collect - Eternal God you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

8.00am - Advent Liturgy

9.30am - Advent Liturgy

Introit - 432 Christ is the world's true light

Gradual - 435 Hark the glad sound! the saviour comes

Offertory - 335 Come, O long – expected Jesus

Dismissal - 596 Go forth and tell!

Readings for today Sunday 1st December
First Sunday in Advent

1st Reading - Isaiah 2: 1-5

Epistle - Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel - Matthew 24: 36-44

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Liz Powell and Gaylene Hotchkiss

Isaiah 2: 1-5

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.

Romans 13: 11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24: 36-44

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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 Shakespeare Road, Stanley Avenue, Stafford Avenue, Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park Avenue.

**Readings for next Sunday 8th December
Second Sunday in Advent**

1st Reading - Isaiah 11: 1-10

Epistle - Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel - Matthew 3: 1-12

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Patrick Jackson and Megan Bowden

This Week

Tuesday 3rd December - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 4th December - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 5th December - 10.00am Mainly Music. 3.30pm Op Shop Afternoon Tea. A thank you to those who work in the Op Shop.

Sunday 8th December - 8.00am and 9.30am Holy Communion.

Sunday 22nd December Nine Lessons and Carols - There will be only **ONE** service this Sunday at 9.30am.

Children's Christmas gifts for ATWC - We will be taking the Christmas gifts to Anglican Trust for Women and Children on Monday 16th December. Please do not wrap your gifts. Christmas paper is very acceptable.

Sunday 22nd December Nine Lessons and Carols - There will be only **ONE** service this Sunday at 9.30am.

COME & JOIN US
St Paul's Anglican Church, 10 Otakau Road Milford

Sunday 22nd December 9.30am
Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December
5.00pm Christingle Children's service for the whole family
11.00pm Carols, Candles and Communion

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December
8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Holy Communion



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