

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday in Advent



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Sentence - The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

Collect – God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgement, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen

8.00am - Advent Liturgy

9.30am - Advent Liturgy

Introit - 184 The kingdom of God

Gradual - 339 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Offertory - 321 Crown him with many crowns

Dismissal - 62 Tell out my soul

Readings for today 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

Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what
his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity
for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the
belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the
fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand
as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15: 4-13

Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their
own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is
able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than
another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully
convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in
honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since
they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of
the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we
do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we
die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the
Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be
Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on

your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God. Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent, Trafalgar Road, Waterloo Road, Wolsey Avenue, Shakespeare Road.

**Readings for next Sunday 15th December
Third Sunday in Advent**

1st Reading - Isaiah 35: 1-10

Epistle - James 5: 7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11: 2-11

Readers - To be advised

Readers - Megan Bowden and Chris Maud

This Week

Tuesday 10th December - 9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship, fun and good conversation. \$3.00.

Wednesday 11th December - Mid week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 12th December - 10.00am Mainly Music.

Sunday 15th 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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