

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 27th February 2022

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Sentence: 'My word shall not return to me empty,' says the Lord, 'but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.' Isaiah 55:11

Collect: Almighty God, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts and freed us from bondage and sin: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all people may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Introit	44 Immortal, invisible God only wise
Gradual	634 Will you come and follow me?
Offertory	88 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Dismissal	204 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

**Readings for today Sunday 27th February
2022**

1st Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-13
Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58
Gospel - Luke 6:39-49
Readers - 8.00am To be advised
Readers - 9.30am - Patrick and Gaylene

Isaiah 55: 10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on perishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on perishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel - Luke 6:39-49

He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."

We remember in our prayers - Megan, Jane, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin. And parishioners and residents in Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street.

Readings for next Sunday 6th March 2022

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Epistle - Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel - Luke 4: 1-13

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Erika and Liz

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 1st	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$4.00.
Wednesday 2 nd Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 3rd	Mainly Music 10.00am.
Sunday 6th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

Opportunity Shop -

If you or anyone you know would like to work in the Op Shop either in the morning or afternoon your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Liz Douglas Brown on 027 240 4851.

Building Update -

By way of an update, the framing inspection has been completed and unfortunately about 70% of the existing framework needs attention or replacement.

In addition, the engineer has inspected and is putting together his plan for strengthening the building as the current trusses are inadequate. His plan will go to the architect and then to Council for an amendment to our Building Consent. Essentially there will be additional steel posts in each corner of the church and along some of the walls which will be encased in gip to match the updated interior and will just look like pillars.

It's all going to cost more but this can't be helped or avoided. For the moment work on site will cease while we wait for the amended consent. Meantime the large stained glass window has been removed and is being repaired and restored in Kerikeri.