

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 4th December 2022 – 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 judgment, 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.

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8.00am - Advent Liturgy
9.30am - Advent Liturgy

Readings for today Sunday 4th December 2022
Second Sunday in Advent

First Reading - Isaiah 11: 1-10

Epistle - Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel - Matthew 3: 1-12

Readers 8am - To advise

Readers 9.30am - Chris and Christine Maud

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Ah, you who make iniquitous decrees, who write oppressive statutes, to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be your spoil, and that you may make the orphans your prey! What will you do on the day of punishment, in the calamity that will come from far away? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth, so as not to crouch among the prisoners or fall among the slain? For all this his anger has not turned away; his hand is stretched out still. Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger—the club in their hands is my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him, to take spoil and seize plunder, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. But this is not what he intends, nor does he have this in mind; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to cut off nations not a few. For he says: “Are not my commanders all kings? Is not Calno like Carchemish? Is not Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like Damascus? As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols whose images were greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria,

Romans 15: 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and 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; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and 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 - Hunter, Donna, Julie, Rosemary, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Geoff. Residents and parishioners in Mayfair Street, Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue, Newport Place.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 6th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 7th	10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 8th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 11th	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

**Readings for next Sunday 11th December 2022
Third Sunday in Advent**

First Reading - Isaiah 35: 1-10

Epistle - James 5: 7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11: 2-11

Readers 8am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Patrick and Erika

St Paul's by the Sea Anglican Church Milford Christmas Services



Sunday 18th December

9.30am - Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

5.00 pm - Family and Children Christingle Service

11.00 pm - Carols, Candles, and Communion

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

9.30 am - Carols and Holy Communion

Presider and Preacher

The Right Reverend Ross Bay

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