

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

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**



**Vicar** The Rev'd Grant Robertson  
**The Vicarage** 10 Otakau Road, Milford  
**Telephone:** 486 1010 Parish Office: 486 0668  
**Website:** [www.stpaulsmilford.co.nz](http://www.stpaulsmilford.co.nz)

**Sentence** - 'Heaven and earth will pass away', says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away'. Mark 13: 31

**Collect** - **Eternal God through many generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you are a light to illuminate our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory forever. Amen**

**Introit** 438 Jesus comes with clouds descending  
**Gradual** 91 Praise him, praise him  
**Offertory** 644 Stand up, stand up for Jesus  
**Closing** 376 Songs of thankfulness and praise

**8am** - Advent Liturgy  
**9.30am** - Advent Liturgy

**Readings for today Sunday 3rd December 2023**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 64: 1-9  
**Epistle** - 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9  
**Gospel** - Mark 13: 24-37  
**Readers 8am** - To be advised  
**Readers 9.30am** - Marion and Megan

## **Isaiah 64: 1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil  
—to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you, You meet those who  
gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you  
were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we  
transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and  
all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a  
leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no  
one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for  
you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the  
hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the  
clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do  
not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity  
forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## **1 Corinthians 1: 3-9**

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of  
God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you  
have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every  
kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened  
among you - so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for  
the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen  
you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into  
the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Mark 13: 24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. “Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue, Milford Park Place. Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

## NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 5th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for friendship, fun and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 6th	10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 7th	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00.
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion 8am and 9.30am.

**Readings for next Sunday 10th December 2023**

**First Reading** - Isaiah 40: 1-11

**Epistle** - 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

**Gospel** - Mark 1: 1-8

**Readers 8am** - To be advised

**Readers 9.30am** - Erika and Edward

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**St Paul's Anglican Church  
10 Otakau Road Milford**

**CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday 24th DECEMBER**

**9.30am Nine Lessons and Carols**

**5.00pm Christingle Children &  
Family Service (with communion).**

**11.00pm**

**Candles, Carols & Communion**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday 25th DECEMBER**

**8.00am - 9.30am Carols & Holy Communion**

**Vicar Rev'd Grant Robertson  
COME & JOIN US**

**Please note in your diaries.**

During January there will be only one service at St Paul's on Sundays at 9.30am.

**A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT**

The winner of the Blanket Raffle is **MEGAN BOWDEN !!!**