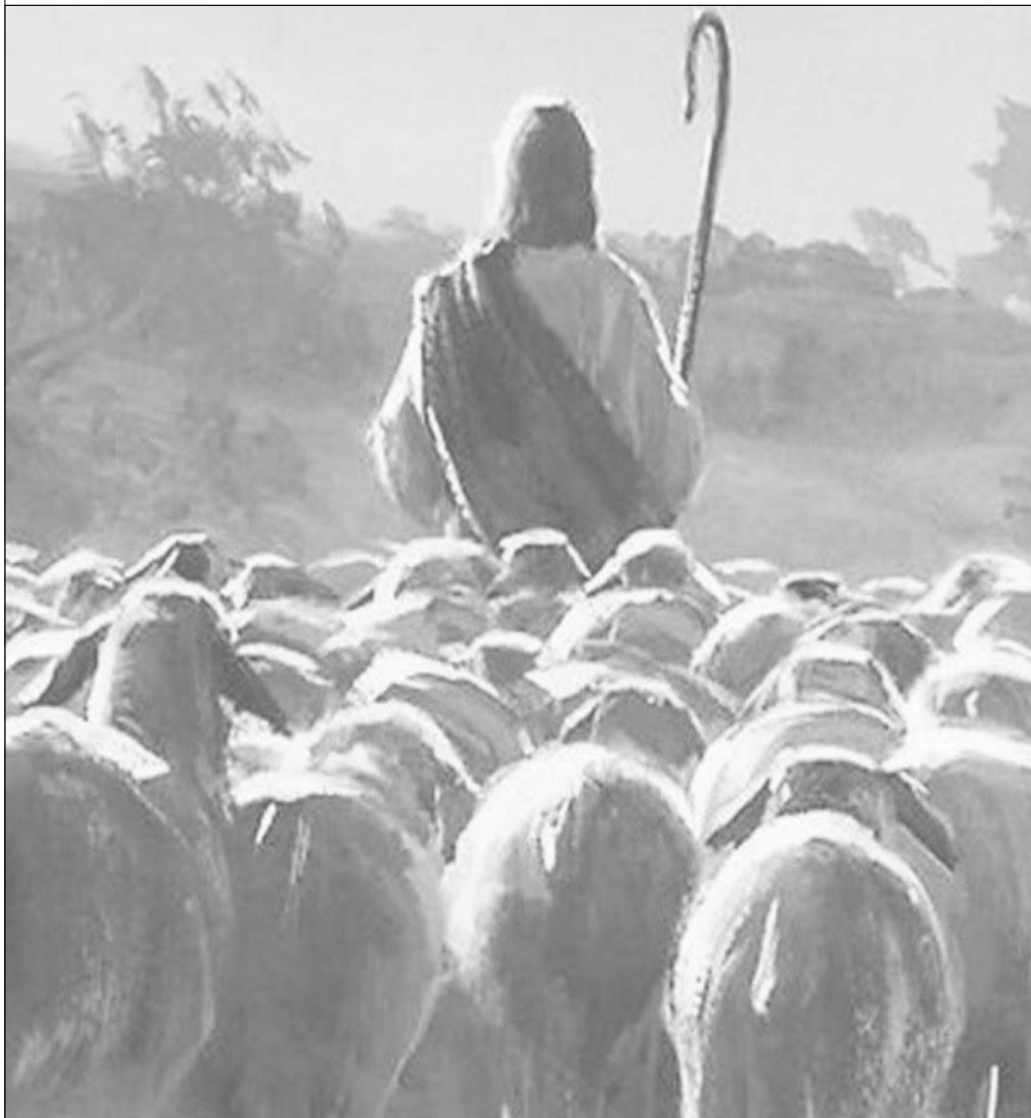


THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
CHRISTCHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8 May 2022

From the Assistant Priest and School Chaplain

Dear S. Michael and All Angels family,

It is wonderful to have Bishop Tom celebrating with us today and we are honoured to mark the 31st anniversary of his consecration to Bishop in the church. I imagine Bishop Tom had many expectations of what his life as a Bishop would be like. I look forward, when we have morning tea again, to chatting to him about that.

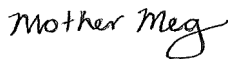
Today has a theme of expectation, certainly in my sermon. I dwell on the false expectations the ancient Jews had of who their Messiah would be and their confusion and disappointment in Jesus and the Messiah that he actually was for them.

Expectation is a necessary part of our lives – without it we wouldn't plan and prepare for things good or bad. Our expectations are often gladly met and often sadly unmet. St Michael's is certainly in a time of expectation and it is an expectation that is slightly different to each of us. Who will our next Vicar be? Where will they come from? Later in the year, who will our new Priest-in-charge or School Chaplain be? There are many questions to ask and many possible answers, which may or may not meet expectations. In a week's time we have our AGM. We probably have some expectations about that and how it will go. We have been through many in the past and they will shape what we expect to happen at the meeting. Perhaps I may be as bold as to suggest that we not bring with us expectations based on our experience of Church AGM's in past years or even decades.

When we enter into an experience with little or no expectation of what will happen it can make room for the Holy Spirit to have a greater or more perceptible presence. Sure there will be a lot of expectations we can't help but have that will be accurate such as the receiving of reports and the holding of elections. But beyond those things can we open our minds and free our expectations to see where the Lord wishes to see us go and do what He wants to watch us do.

We are living in uncertain times as a church family, a country, and a world let alone in our individual lives. It is difficult when we can't have clear expectations of what is going to happen to us and the world – big or small – around us. We cannot help but be expectant, but perhaps for our AGM and for our lives we should try hard to temper our expectations so that they reflect the will of God, the example of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

In peace,



Mother Meg

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Orange Traffic Light—Covid information

- Please wear a mask to cover your nose and mouth.
- Hand sanitizer is available for you to use on entering the church, during the service and after the service.
- There will be two hymns for congregational singing. **It is very important that you keep you mask on.**
- Communion will be one kind only (bread).
- **We hope that morning tea will be held in the hall today.**
- We are not able to pass the collection plates around therefore the collection bowls are at the back of the church and you can place your donation there as you come in or leave. Otherwise you can use electronic banking. Account information in the pew sheet.

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Celebrant 8.00 am:	Mother Meg Harvey	
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Bishop Tom Brown	Organ: Paul Ellis
Cantor:	Doug Pasea	
Mass Setting:	A New Peoples' Mass	Dom Gregory Murray
Organ Voluntary:	Toccata L'Organ primitive	Petro Yon
Introit Hymn:	105	

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Praise and glory to the God of Life, **who is stronger than all kinds of death.**

The people are invited to call to mind their sins.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence.

Let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Cantor:

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

Bishop:

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. Amen.

All:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Bishop:

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Acts 9: 36–43

Jenny Daniels

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Cantor 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. You, Lord, make me lie down in green pastures, and lead me beside the waters of peace.
2. You revive my spirit and guide me in right pathways, for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort.
3. You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading: (*sit*) Revelation 7: 9–17

Sue Shannons

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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Cantor: **Gospel Acclamation:** (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John **Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel:

John 10: 22-30

Fr Peter Beck

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Sermon:

Mother Meg Harvey

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*).

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: Barbara Moreton

The Peace

Bishop:

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

At the Peace all may exchange a non physical greeting with those near them.

Bishop:

E te whanau, we are the body of Christ.

By one spirit we were baptised into one body.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:

Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: 120

The Preparation of the Gifts

Bishop:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Bishop:

Pray, sisters and brothers,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

May the Lord receive the sacrifice at your hands,

for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Bishop:

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Shepherd. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

God's Spirit is with us.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Bishop:

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.

We praise you with greater joy than ever in this Easter season, when Christ became our paschal sacrifice. When your children wandered like sheep without a shepherd, you gathered them, Father, into the fold of your Church, to be one as you are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit. You call us to be your people, and to praise your wisdom in all your works.

The joy of the resurrection renews the whole world, while the choirs of heaven sing for ever to your glory:

Sanctus & Benedictus: (Cantor)**Bishop:**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father.

Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;

when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

Drink this, all of you,

for this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins;

do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Deacon:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bishop:

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.
United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

Silence

Bishop:

As Christ teaches us we pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Bishop:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Agnus Dei: (Cantor)

Bishop:

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Communion in one kind will be administered from the front step at the centre of the aisle. Please leave your seat by the side aisle, and approach the centre aisle from the rear crossing. Please leave a 2m distance between yourself and others and please use the hand sanitizer. when receiving the sacrament, please stretch your arms horizontally as much as possible.

Communion Hymn: (Cantors) The King of love my shepherd is. Tune S. Columba
(NEH 457)

Prayer after Communion:

Loving Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

The God of peace, who by the blood of the eternal covenant brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight.

And may the blessing of God, creator, Christ ✠ and the Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary:

Fantasy on Easter Hymn

William Harris

From Fr. Peter.....

- The Parish AGM is next Sunday after the 10am Mass. Copies of the AGM reports are available today. We will elect a Peoples' Warden and 7 Vestry members. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church and from the Parish Office.
Nominations need to be in to the Parish office by 10.00am on Friday 13 May or via email to Jane Evans (jee.evans@xtra.co.nz) or Michael Graveston (smaavicarswarden@gmail.com) by 5.00pm on Saturday 14th May. Only those on the Parish Roll can vote.
- Hopefully we will have Morning Tea after the 10am Mass today.
- Fr Chris will be joining us for Morning Tea on 22 May 2022. Do come along so that we can thank him for his ministry amongst us.

Updating information

We'd like to make sure our "To pray for..." list is as accurate and up to date as possible. If you have ever added a name to the list that is no longer appropriate to be there please let Taunya in the office know. Thank you.

New Sacristans wanted. Some of our current sacristans are no longer available and we need to replace them to ensure the church services continue to function smoothly. The sacristan's duties are mainly focused around the Sunday 10.00 am service, preparing the wafers and wine for communion and looking after the candles. After the service, the communion vessels are washed and put away. If you think you may be interested in carrying out this role, feel free to talk to Lawrence Watson 027 250 7618.

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

THIS WEEK**Notices**

- **Meditation Group**—will not meet in person while we remain cautious regarding the spread of Covid. Instead, we invite everyone to meditate for twenty minutes at home as close to midday on a Wednesday as possible in a virtual group. Contact: Margaret Maclagan 0275599216.
- **Trust Meeting** - Wed 5.30 pm in the Parish Lounge.
- **Bible Study**— Thurs 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.
- **Pray the Rosary**—Thurs 12.00 midday, Church. Contact: Gilbert Wealleans— 021338380.
- **Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

Women's Fellowship—NEXT MEETING 17 May 10.30am in the Parish Lounge. Speaker Margaret Maclagan on the topic of Dementia. Please RSVP Barbara Moreton on 021940890 or email bvmoreton@xtra.co.nz. ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

NEXT WEEK**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

15 May 2022

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Mother Meg Harvey
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Peter Beck
Servers:	MC: Jack Barrie Th: Joshua Black	
	Ac: Carol Fraser, Thomas Visakan	
First Reading:	Acts 11: 1-18	Robert Maclagan
Second Reading:	Revelations 21: 1-6	Jack Barrie
Gospel:	John 13: 31-35	Mother Meg Harvey
Sermon:	Fr Peter Beck	
Sides people:	Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton	
Intercessions:	Robert Maclagan	
Offertory:	-	
Morning Tea:	-	
Sacristan:	Geoff Paterson	
Sacristy:		
Flowers:	Ros Calvert	

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Lynnette Apperley, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, John McNally, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Matt Head, Geraldine Mullions, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Mary Lazarus, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Rev John & Joyce Marcon, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Departed: Noeline Calvert.

Anniversaries: (Mon) Jean Daybell (Tues) Mary Ibbotson
(Wed) Douglas Griffiths, Bill Matthews (Fri) Lydia Leeming.

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This Sunday	The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Mass
Monday	Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith 389
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Feria
Wednesday	Ruatara, Te Ara mō Rongopai (The Gateway to the Gospel)
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Samuel Marsden, Priest, Missionary, the Apostle of New Zealand 1838
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	Ihāia Te Ahu, Missionary, Priest in Te Arawa
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	S. Matthias the Apostle
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