

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



**The Feast of St Michael and All Angels
175th Anniversary
29 September 2026**

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

The story of St Michael and All Angels begins in 1851, when a small group of Canterbury Association settlers built the first church on this site. Henry Jacobs preached the opening sermon in July of that year, and something took root that eventually flourished into the church and school community that we have to this day. The building you are in today is the third church to stand here. It opened on 2 May 1872; its cornerstone having been laid on 29 September 1870 — the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. As we gather for this Michaelmas Mass of Thanksgiving, we are mindful of all our forebears who had the faith, vision, and tenacity to establish a Christian presence here in the heart of Ōtautahi Christchurch 175 years ago.

And what makes this community remarkable isn't simply its age. It's the thread of shared purpose that runs through 175 years of change, challenge, and growth. Church and School have stood side by side here through earthquakes, wars, pandemics and the dramatic reshaping of Christchurch itself, holding fast to the conviction that the Christian faith is foundational for a flourishing, free and just society. As we gather for this High Mass, we also acknowledge the rich Anglo-Catholic heritage of this place. A tradition that took root in the early 20th century and which has continued to flourish to this day, becoming a central part of that movement in Aotearoa New Zealand.

And so, as we give thanks for those who built and nurtured this place across the generations, we are also mindful of our responsibility — to carry that legacy forward with the same generosity and courage it was built on. May God bless us now and for the next 175 years, that the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ may continue to be preached in these walls and beyond, echoing out to our community, the city of Christchurch and all the land.

Mā te Atua koe e manaaki
May God bless you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Jordan', written in a cursive style.

Fr Jordan

Copies of the music for the mass setting and hymns are available from the Sides People.

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

29 September 2026

Presider:	The Reverend Fr Jordan Greatbatch		
Welcome and Blessing:	The Right Reverend Dr Peter Carrell		
Preacher:	The Most Reverend Emeritus Sir David Moxon		
Organist:	Daniel Cooper	Conductor:	Derek Ward
Sidespeople:	Carol Fraser, Vince Moreton		
Mass Setting:	Mass in G		Franz Peter Schubert
Responses:	David Childs		
Organ Prelude:	Prelude for a ceremony		V Griffiths
Introit Hymn:	Praise God whose mighty angels – NEH 376		Marnie Barrell

1. Praise God, whose mighty angels draw
the power of heaven near.
Their fiery feet stand in God's courts,
their arms surround us here
to reassure our anxious hearts
we do not fight alone;
their strength they draw,
to share with us,
directly from God's own.

2. The blind chaotic negative is working to
destroy the orderly and beautiful,
all peace, all hope and joy,
to undermine the roots of life,
untwist creation's thread,
turn death to fearful nothingness,
turn trust to doubting dread.

3. Though Christ within us shows the way
to overcoming sin,
we stand too low, we cannot know
what battles we are in.
May angels light our inward sight
to see, with joyful awe,
that our small trials,
when bravely borne,
are triumphs in heaven's war.

4. God's angels keep our courage up
and make us bold to say:
Blind evil bears within itself
the seed of its decay,
for nothing in the realms above,
no power on earth, can be
enough to tear us from
God's love in all eternity.

5. With Michael and the angels now
our thankful hymn we raise,
as, drawn into God's life of love
in ecstasies of praise,
we pledge with them our utmost strength
to strive and work and pray
until Christ calls the world he loves
into the endless day.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

The people are welcomed and then 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.

**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.**

Kyrie: Sung by the Choir

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

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.**

Gloria: Sung by the Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order ministries both angelic and human; grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

Daniel 7:9-14

Richard Thompson
Vicar's Warden

A reading from the book of the Prophet Daniel

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 138

R. Before the angels I will sing your praises, O Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart; before the angels I will sing your praises. I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks because of your love and faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above all things. **R.**

On the day that I called you answered me, and put new strength within me. All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth. **R.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that the glory of the Lord is great. For though Lord you are high, yet you care for the lowly; as for the proud, you humble them from afar. **R.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch out your hand against the enemies' rage, and your right hand will save me. You will fulfil your purpose for me; your love, O Lord, is everlasting. Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. **R.**

A reading from the Revelation of St John

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!

But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath because he knows that his time is short!"

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The angels of God have been charged to keep you in all your ways. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John✠

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

John 1:45-51

The Reverend Fr Robert Jamieson

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth'. Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'

And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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

Sermon:

The Most Reverend Emeritus Sir David Moxon

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

**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, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human. *(stand)***

**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.**

Prayers of the People: Johann Williams

Rest ☩ eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you,
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

Kia tau tonu te rangimārie o te Ariki ki a koutou.

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

Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.

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: Dorothy Burrows, Johann Williams

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.**

1. Stars of the morning,
so gloriously bright,
Filled with celestial resplendence
and light,
These that, where night
never followeth day,
Raise the Trisagion ever and ay:

2. These are thy counsellors,
these dost thou own,
Lord God of Sabaoth,
nearest thy throne;
These are thy ministers,
these dost thou send,
Help of the helpless ones,
all to defend.

3. These keep the guard
amid Salem's dear bowers;
Thrones, Principalities, Virtues,
and Powers;
Where, with the Living Ones,
mystical Four,
Cherubim, Seraphim bow and adore.

4. 'Who like the Lord?'
thunders Michael the Chief;
Raphael, 'the Cure of God,'
comforteth grief;
And, as at Nazareth, prophet of peace,
Gabriel, 'the light of God,'
bringeth release.

5. Then, when the earth
was first poised in mid space,
Then, when the planets
first sped on their race,
Then, when were ended
the six days' employ,
Then all the Sons of God
shouted for joy.

6. Still let them succour us;
still let them fight,
Lord of angelic hosts,
battling for right;
Till, where their anthems they
ceaselessly pour,
We with the angels may bow and adore.

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.**

God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our
worship bring you worthy praise; through Christ our Lord. **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.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You reveal your wise purpose for the salvation of the human race by assigning to the angels and archangels the ministry of your steadfast love and protection. While they contemplate your glory, standing before you and singing your praise, they keep a faithful vigil for us, guarding us along the way that leads to life, and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus: Sung by the Choir

(Please feel free to sit during the Benedictus)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Benedictus qui venit

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

In nomine Domini.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Sung)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

(Sung)

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Eucharistic Ministers: Gail Chiswell, The Reverend Fr Alex Garziglia

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: Sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, my God.

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.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle and form two lines according to which side you are seated. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms as you approach the priest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Anthem: Ave Verum

W A Mozart

Communion Hymn: 295

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Let us pray.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect; as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving for 175 years

The Right Reverend Dr Peter Carrell

Blessing:

The Lord be with you. **The Lord bless you.**

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service; may the blessing of God almighty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Refrain:
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!

2. O higher than the Cherubim,
More glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
[Refrain]

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve,
ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant,
raise the song
[Refrain]

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
[Refrain]

Postlude:

Church Sonata in D K. 69

W A Mozart

Please join us for supper in the Parish Hall.

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Tim Herbert, Kay Burgess, Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside,
Terry & Betsy McKay.

Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys,
Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Anne Fenton,
David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Andrew Lawson, Ashley Forman.

Departed:

Adrienne Curtis

Anniversaries: (Mon) Cecil Muschamp – Bishop
(Wed) Frederick Taylor – Priest
(Thurs) Annie Schollar
(Fri) John Palmer

NEXT WEEK		Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas		4 October 2026
8:00 am	Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
		Server:	Eyob Habte	
10.00 am	Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Alex Garziglia	
		Preacher:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:		MC:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	
		Th:	Hugh Munro	
		Cr:	Eyob Habte	
		Ac:	Jack Morkane, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:		Marla Hughes	Genesis 18:1-15	
Second Reading:		Robert Calvert-Griffin	Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-25, 28-29, 13:1-2	
Gospel:		Fr Jordan Greatbatch	John 20:11-18	
Eucharist Ministers:		Richard Thompson, Carol Fraser		
Sides people:		Michael Graveston, Tim Cranston		
Intercessions:		Barbara Moreton		
Offertory:		Jane Evans, Gloria Moyle		
Morning Tea:		Beth Robinson, Pat Pilkington		
Sacristan:		Eyob Habte		
Sacristy:		-		
Livestream:		Kathleen Campbell		
Flowers:		Ros Calvert		
Evensong Server:		Joshua Wilson Black		
Evensong Readers:		Joshua Wilson Black, Johnann Williams		
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**The Anglican Parish of
St Michael and All Angels,
Christchurch**

Tuesday **The Feast of St Michael and All Angels**
12.35 pm **Mass**
7.00 pm **Michaelmas - High Mass**

Wednesday Jerome, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 420
12.00 pm Meditation Group
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Suzanne Aubert, Religious, Social Reformer, 1926
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 noon Rosary Group
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Study Group

Friday The Holy Guardian Angels
12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Next Sunday **Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas - 4 October 2026**
8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass
7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Online Services

www.youtube.com/@saintmichaelandallangels
facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch
Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.
Proprs come from various Anglican sources.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.

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.

