

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
26 April 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

Next Sunday 3 May we have our Annual General Meeting following the 10am service. The AGM is an important part of parish life. All those who have been members of the parish for at least 2 months and are 16 years and over are encouraged to attend and contribute. The AGM is so much more than just the business laid before us, as important and vital as that is, but is about how we as a community of faith can best utilise the resources God has given us to spread and live out the Gospel. That includes people, time and money. Jane Evans will kindly be providing soup and rolls before the AGM to offer some sustenance for our gathering. A thank you to her. I look forward to seeing all members of the parish on 3 May.

This Saturday many will be gathering for ANZAC commemorations around the country. Sunday is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday due to the Gospel reading from John 10:1-10 which has the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. There are of course some interesting connections to be made between the ANZAC commemorations and the Good Shepherd. Primarily that Jesus comes to us in sacrificial love, a love that is willing to lay down its life for the community. We will remember at ANZAC those who did the same, out of love for their communities.

In some parts of the world, especially in hotter climates, sheep are a rarity. Some have never seen a sheep (except perhaps on television, in a zoo or as lamb on the dinner plate) and still less shepherds. And the shepherd of the Middle East is somewhat different from, say, sheep ranchers of the Australian outback, rounding up on horseback thousands of animals. There, if one goes missing, it is hardly noticed.

The shepherd of the biblical Middle East had a much more intimate relationship with a much smaller flock. He would bring them out to pasture each day and spend all his time with them. In the evening, he would bring them back to the enclosure where they would be safe from preying animals. He knew each one individually and would notice immediately if even one was missing. Jesus' parable of the Lost Sheep would have resonated perfectly with his hearers.

Where many of us come from, the shepherd walks behind the sheep, often with a dog to help. In the Middle East, the shepherd walks in front of his sheep and they follow him—and only him because:

...they know his voice.

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection this Easter season, we most importantly must find hope and reassurance in the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, who as our Gospel reading tells us this week 'came that we may have life, and have it abundantly'.

May God bless you,



Fr Jordan

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

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson
Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organist:** Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Toni Stewart, Robert Maclagan

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd P Nardone

Opening Voluntary: Praeludium II in G major—Andante con moto F Mendelssohn

Introit Hymn: 390

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Dear brothers and sisters,
Filled yet with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Eucharist
by reminding ourselves of the new life we have received through the waters of baptism.
Empowered by Christ's triumph over death and sin.

God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray.

Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the people with Holy water followed by:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins ✠, and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **Amen.**

(Sung)

**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.**

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble
flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

1 Peter 2:19-25

Maria Light

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine 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 10:1-10

Fr Robert Jamieson

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Sermon: Fr Robert Jamieson

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.**

Intercessions: Barbara Moreton

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 Peace

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.

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: Gloria Moyle, Jane Evans

The Preparation of the Gifts

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.**

Offertory Hymn: 376

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

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.**

Lord God, make the paschal mystery our constant joy: may it continue within us the work of redemption and be the cause of our unending delight. Grant this in the name of Jesus, the 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.

In this time above all we laud you yet more gloriously when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life.

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.....

(Sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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)

**Glorify 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.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tatou:

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kaweā kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Minister: Rachel Watson, Richard Thompson

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.

(Sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

The Good Shepherd died for the flock and gave his life for the sheep, but now he has risen again, alleluia.

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. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Motet:

Justus Es Domine

O Lassus

Communion Proper:

Ego sum pastor bonus and Psalm 33, (34)

Let us pray.

Like a good shepherd, O God, keep watch over those you have redeemed by the blood of your Son, and lead them as your flock into heavenly pastures. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

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 pleasing and good and 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. Alleluia, Alleluia **Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Final Hymn:

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The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Final Voluntary:

Praeludium II in G major— Fuga

F Mendelssohn

7.00 pm

Taizé

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

Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, 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:

Jill Lord

Anniversaries:

(Mon) John Williamson—Priest

(Wed) Isla Hunter, Ross Williams, Irene Ginther

(Thurs) Alan Hawkins

(Fri) Frederick Cocks

(Sat) Gertrude Miller

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Meditation Group—Wednesday 12.00 noon in the church. Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Bible Study - Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Parish Lunch—there will be no Parish Lunch this month due to the AGM.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan and Fr Robert are available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact either to request a time.

AGM—The AGM will take place after the 10.00am service on 3 May 2026.

ANZAC – There will be no Mass on Monday 27 April 2026 due to the public holiday.

Leave -

The Parish Office is closed from 1.30pm 23 April and will reopen 8.30am 11 May 2026, as Taunya is on leave. For any urgent issues please contact the Vicar or the Wardens. Fr Jordan is on leave from 28 April returning on 3 May 2026.

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.

NEXT WEEK

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2026

8:00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Server:** Hugh Munro
10.00 am Mass **Celebrant:** Fr Robert Jamieson
Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: **SD:** Fr Peter Williams **MC:** Robert Calvert-Griffin
Th: Sung Bae **Cr:** Eyob Habte
Ac: Callum Robertson, Hugh Munro

First Reading: Sue Shannons Acts 7:55-60
Second Reading: Joshua Wilson Black 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel: Fr Jordan Greatbatch John 14:1-14

Eucharist Ministers: Fr Peter Williams, Gail Chiswell

Sides people: Michael Graveston, Vince Moreton

Intercessions: Kate Churchill

Offertory: Sue Shannons, Adrienne Curtis

Morning Tea: Richard Thompson, Pat Pilkington

Sacristan: Toni Stewart

Sacristy: Joy Coulter

Livestream: Jane Evans

Flowers: Ros Calvert—In memoriam of Bruce and Noeline Calvert

Evensong Readers: Robert Calvert-Griffin, Johann Williams

Evensong Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday **The Fourth Sunday of Easter— 26 April 2026**

8.00 am **Low Mass**
10.00 am **High Mass**
7.00 pm **Taizé**

Monday Feria
No Mass - ANZAC public holiday

Tuesday Feria
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 am Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm Mass
6.00 pm Bible Group

Friday **St Philip and St James, Apostles**
12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

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8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass—followed by the AGM
7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Online Services

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.
Propers come from the Roman Catholic Missal 1998.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.