

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 August 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

I hope you are all managing to stay warm as we experience this cold blast of weather. It is certainly the coldest winter days I have experienced since moving to Christchurch over three years ago. Despite the cold we do have these beautiful blue-sky days which make up for it!

Thank you for your recent patience as we finished asphaltting the school area by the side of the church. This work is now complete and we once again have access through the side gate of the church. Vestry has been working hard to get property projects completed and we are in a good position to now look ahead at some other projects. Just a reminder that minutes of vestry are available on request once they have been approved at the following vestry meeting.

Next week we will be celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 16 August. The Feast takes place on the 15th, but due to it being a such an important Feast of the church we transfer it to the Sunday. Do join us for this special commemoration of Our Lady.

This Sunday we continue with Matthew's Gospel. This week we have a continuation of last week's story about the feeding of thousands of people by Jesus in the desert. Immediately after the event, we are told that Jesus:

...made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Was there reluctance on their part to go? Certainly there is the implication that the disciples were not too willing to leave the scene. They were enjoying the reflected glory of being part of Jesus' miracle and the enthusiasm of the crowds for Jesus, 'their' Jesus. They were basking in the reputation of being partners with Jesus. Yet, it won't be very long before they will be hiding, even denying under oath, ever having had connection with him.

Jesus himself, after having dismissed the crowds:

...went up the mountain by himself to pray.

In John's version of this story he tells us that the people, after being fed by Jesus, actually wanted to make him their king. They, like the disciples, have totally missed the meaning of what has happened.

Instead, Jesus flees to the shelter of the mountains, not to have a panorama of the world's kingdoms, but to pray to his Father and renew his purity of heart and his commitment to the Father's way. Jesus' work is not to be seen in terms of crowd-pleasing miracles or supernatural powers. It is primarily for him—as it is for us—in the quality of his relationships with God, with people and with his mission.

Blessings



Fr Jordan

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

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Presider 8.00 am: Fr Peter Beck

Presider 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organist:** Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Kathleen Campbell, Robert MacLagan

Opening Voluntary: 'March Religieuse' on the Hymn
"Iste Confessor" A. Guilmant

Mass Setting: A New People's Mass Dom Gregory Murray

Responses: David Childs

Introit Hymn: 433

1. O worship the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.

3. This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

2. O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

4. O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

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 Mass of the day is introduced and 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.

**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.**

(Sung)

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

(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.

Grant to us, O God, we pray, the spirit to always think and do what is right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may be able to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

1 Kings 19:9, 11-16

Hugh Munro

A reading from the first book of Kings

At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

Let me hear what you will say, O Lord, for you will speak peace to your people, to your servants whose hearts are turned to you. For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you, so that your glory may dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met together: justice and peace have embraced each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from heaven. **R.**

You, Lord, will give prosperity, and our land shall yield its harvest. Justice shall go before you and the path for your feet shall be peace. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew✠

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Matthew 14:22-33

Fr Peter Beck

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Sermon:

Fr Peter Beck

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.
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: Kate Churchill

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: Dorothy Burrows, Adrienne Curtis

Offertory Proper: In te speravi – Psalm 31

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.**

1. Dear Lord and Father of humankind,
 Forgive our foolish ways!
 Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
 In purer lives thy service find,
 In deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 Beside the Syrian sea,
 The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them,
 without a word
 Rise up and follow thee.

3. Drop thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls
 the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of thy peace.

4. Breathe through the
 heats of our desire
 Thy coolness and thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake,
 wind, and fire,
 O still small voice of calm!

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.**

Father, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this Eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit; 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 are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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)

**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:

(Sung)

**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 īnoi 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 kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Fraser, Hugh Munro

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 your peace.

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 Proper: Panis quem ego dedero – Psalm 111

Communion Anthem: Lead me Lord

S. S. Wesley

Communion Hymn: 374

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes their sorrows,
heals their wounds,
And drives away their fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding-place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd,
Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this Eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore, establish and strengthen you in the faith and 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. At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

2. At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

3. Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:

4. Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

5. In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Final Voluntary:

Chorale Prelude on 'Darwall'

A. Rowley

7.00 pm

Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

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.

Anniversaries:

(Sun) Leonie Rickard

(Mon) Noeline Burrows, Des Fisher

(Tues) Ken Mechen, Anthony Coulter, John Atkinson

(Wed) Elsie Radcliffe, Mavis Hudson

(Thurs) Patricia Fry, Bernard Jenkins, Hilda Moffat

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Rosary Group—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Study Group—Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Rosary Group – Sunday 9.20 am.

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

Eftpos—available at the back of the church for giving.

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

This Sunday—Music Performance Group – 1:00 pm.

This is a FREE activity on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Join us as either a musician (instrumentalist or singer) to gain performance experience and feedback, or as an audience member to enjoy the music and support the performers.

This group includes both professional and amateur performers singing or playing various musical instruments. You'll experience a diversity of musical genres (jazz, folk, classical music etc.) created in an informal and relaxed but supportive setting.

All welcome. Contact: Eric Apperley (03) 325 5848

ORGAN RECITAL – Sunday 23 August 2.00-3.00pm at St Michael and All Angels Ben Sheen (UK) - Director of Music Jesus College, Sub-Organist Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

Programmes: \$20

Music by Vierne, Whitlock, Ireland J.S. Bach and more!

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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 16 August 2026**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Server:	Eyob Habte	
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Robert Jamieson	
	Preacher:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	MC:	Lawrence Watson	
	Th:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	
	Cr:	Eyob Habte	
	Ac:	Maria Light, Georgia Caughey	
First Reading:	Thomas Visakan	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	
Second Reading:	Maria Light	Galatians 4:4-7	
Gospel:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Luke 1:46-55	
Eucharist Ministers:	Jane Evans, Rachel Watson		
Sides people:	Carol Fraser, Joy Coulter		
Intercessions:	Marla Hughes		
Offertory:	Jenny and Peter Daniels		
Morning Tea:	Gail and Tim Chiswell		
Sacristan:	Eyob Habte		
Sacristy:	-		
Livestream:	Joshua Wilson Black		
Flowers:	Toni Stewart – In Memoriam Doug Pasea		
Evensong Server:	Sung Bae		
Evensong Readers:	Ros Calvert, Therese Aitchison		

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**The Anglican Parish of
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Christchurch**

This Sunday	The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time— 9 August 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
9.20 am	Rosary Group
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Laurence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Clare of Assisi, Abbess, 1253
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
6.00 pm	Study Group
Friday	Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, Auschwitz, 1941
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	St Mary, the Mother of Jesus (Celebrated as Assumption)
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Online Services

www.youtube.com/@saintmichaelandallangels

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.

Propers come from various Anglican sources.

Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.