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



The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 July 2023

From the Vicar...

One of my pastimes has always been keeping a vegetable garden. Of course, this has varied over the years depending on where I have lived. In my current living situation, I have purchased plastic raised gardens which are appropriate for meeting one's basic vegetable needs. Having a basic knowledge of how vegetables are planted (sowed) and maintained and harvested is helpful when approaching the parables of Jesus. Existing in an agrarian society as Jesus did meant that a lot of his teaching was grounded (pun intended) in the everyday life of the peasant farmer. This made Jesus' teachings accessible to many, and so it is incumbent on us to also make these teachings accessible to those of our own time and space.

In our parable of the Sower this Sunday we may be excused at thinking the Sower doesn't know what he is doing. Modern farming techniques tell us that throwing seed around randomly is not a good way to produce an abundant harvest. However, in the first century farmers often cast the seed and then ploughed the land. This process would have seen a lot of seed go astray. With this in mind the parable makes a lot more sense. We know that our attempts to share the Gospel with those we come across is no easy task and that more often than not our attempts go astray. This is a fact of life. It is a good reminder to us all that this Christian thing is hard work. And despite our best efforts we know that a lot of people don't respond to the Gospel message. However, this doesn't mean we just give up and accept this reality. For Jesus tells us that there is something else going on here. At the end of this parable, we may be expecting Jesus to say that the seed on the good soil produced a decent harvest. But he in fact goes well beyond decent to the miraculous. As one commentator put it 'Seven-fold meant a good year for a farmer and ten-fold was an abundance. Thirty-fold would feed a village for a year and a hundred-fold would let a farmer retire to a village by the Sea of Galilee.' This encourages us all that our call is to simply share the Good News of the Gospel as best we can and God willing, he will do the rest.

Blessings,

A. Gratbatch

Father Jordan

If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Parish Covid Practices Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are . encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion. In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake). You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction). **Online Services** facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch 10.00 am Solemn Mass—this is a livestreamed service Sunday (pews in front of the sound desk are not filmed) 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.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatba Fr Jordan Greatba		Organ: Cantor:	Nicholas Sutcliffe Ros Calvert
Mass Setting: Organ Voluntary Introit Hymn:	A New People's N			Dom Gregory Murray
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!		Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness, These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.		
Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness, High on his heart he will bear it for thee, Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.		These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, He will accept for the name that is dear; Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.		

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Greeting:

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

The Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.

The people may be welcomed informally and the Mass of the day introduced.

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

Through the cross of Christ, \mathfrak{A} 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.** 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.

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live in accordance with it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; 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)* Isaiah 55: 10–13 Jennifer Murray Thus says the Lord: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 65

R. O Lord our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

- You visit the earth and water it; you make it very fruitful. The waters of heaven brim over their channel, providing us with grain, for so you have prepared the land.
 R.
- 2. You drench its furrows, you level its ridges, softening it with showers and blessing its growth. You crown the year with your goodness and your paths overflow with plenty. **R.**
- 3. The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass, and the hills are girded with joy. The fields are clothed with sheep; the valleys are decked with wheat, so that they shout for joy and sing. **R**.

Second Reading: (sit)Romans 8: 1–11Ann JinmanThere is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the
Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his
own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the
flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not
according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower: whoever finds this seed will remain for ever. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with youThe Lord bless youA reading from the Holy Gospel according to MatthewPraise and Glory to God

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1–9, 18–23

Margaret Maclagan

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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.

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: Jenny Daniels

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: Ann and Dudley Jinman

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. **Amen.**

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: 137

Come down, O Love divine,	Let holy charity
Seek thou this soul of mine,	Mine outward vesture be,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;	And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
O Comforter, draw near,	True lowliness of heart,
Within my heart appear,	Which takes the humbler part,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.	And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
O let it freely burn,	And so the yearning strong,
Till earthly passions turn	With which the soul will long,
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;	Shall far outpass the power of
And let thy glorious light	human telling;
Shine ever on my sight,	For none can guess its grace,
And clothe me round,	Till it become the place
the while my path illuming.	Wherein the Holy Spirit
	makes his dwelling.

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, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

God's Spirit is with us. We lift them to the Lord.

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

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

Here as you feed your gathered people, strengthen us in holiness, so that all may walk in the light of one faith and in one communion of love.

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:

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:

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. 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.

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 īnoi tatou: E tō mātou Matua i te rangi Kia tapu tōu Ingoa. Kia tae mai tõu rangatiratanga. ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi. Hōmai ki a mātou āianei 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: Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria, Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Rachel Watson, Gail Chiswell

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.

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.

Live according to the Spirit: to set the mind on the Spirit is life and 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.

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Anthem: O spread thou mighty word (NEH 482)

Communion Hymn: Be still my soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to thy God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.	Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the veil of tears, then shalt thou better know His love, His heart, who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.
Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future as He has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.	Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer after Communion:

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery serve you for ever in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

May the Lord give you ears to hear his call, a heart to respond to his love, and a tongue to tell of the wonders he has done.

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Final Hymn: 436

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven. who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise him still the same forever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Organ Voluntary

Father-like he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows; In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon bow down before him, Dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace!

Ordination of Simon Green 29 July 2023 10.30am Transitional Cathedral

THIS WEEK	NO	TICES		
Women's Lunch Felle	owship - 12.00 noon Ros C	alvert's house, contact	Ros for address	
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<u>NEXT WEEK</u>	The Sixteenth Sunda	y in Ordinary Time	23 July 2023	
8:00 am Mass	Celebrar			
10.00 am Mass	Celebrar	nt: Fr Jordan	Greatbatch	
		: Michael Graveston		
Th:	Simon Green Cr:	Joshua Wilson Black		
Ac:	Liam Moore, Thomas Vis	sakan		
First Reading:		dom 12:13, 16-19		
Second Reading:	Joshua Wilson Black Ror			
Gospel:		tthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	}	
Sermon:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch			
	Jenny Daniels, Jane Evar	s		
Sides people:	Joy Coulter, Gail Chiswel			
Intercessions:	Rachel Watson	1		
Offertory:	Gail Chiswell, Sue Shann	ons		
	Vince Moreton, Sandra I			
Morning Tea: Sacristan:		IAWKIIIS		
	Jenny Daniels			
Sacristy:	-			
Livestream:	Hugh Munro			
Flowers:	Toni Stewart, Adrienne	Lurtis		
Evensong Readers:	Taizé			
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Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.				
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Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.				
Anniversaries: (Sun) Eileen Moreton, Jim Smith (Mon) Dorothy Reynolds (Tues) Harry Todkill (Wed) Ted Burgess, Bill Bradford (Fri) Cecelia Webb (Sat) Margaret Mechen, John McNally				
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This Sunday 8:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 July 2023 Low Mass Solemn Mass Evensong and Benediction
Monday	
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	
12:35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	
12:00 pm	Meditation Group
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	
11:00 am	Bible Study
12:00 pm	Pray the Rosary
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	S. Mary Magdalene
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