

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,



The First Sunday of Lent

26 February 2023

Letter from Fr Peter Williams

Dear friends,

Lent began on Wednesday, and we marked that in the Liturgies in the Church. During the 40 days of Lent we are invited to return to a simple and total trust in God who is the source and end of all life. We are called to reject all the temptations that would persuade us to put our trust elsewhere, in less worthy things.

In the Gospels we see Jesus facing this 'time of trial' and choosing between two worldviews, both apparently justified by the words of the Bible. He rejects the devil's worldview that is based on the magical, the powerful, the spectacular, and the immense popular appeal that might be associated with such things. He proclaims and chooses a worldview that is rooted in humble, non-coercive, sacrificial love, and in his short ministry he demonstrates this in faithfulness to God, and in costly service.

We are called to see our own choices, our own way of life, alongside this way of Jesus, and to allow his way to influence ours. I hope that we can all make some effort to do so during this season of Lent, and that we may encounter the Easter celebration with mind and heart renewed.


This evening, the prayer at 7pm will be in the style of the Community of Taizé in France. It is characterised by prayerful chants, communal silence, and prayer for reconciliation.

The presider at the Sung Mass today is Bishop Tom Brown who has joined this parish in retirement. The Gospel is read by the Revd Kate Churchill, his wife, who was curate at St Michael's two decades ago.

On Tuesday evening at 7pm, the Induction of our new vicar, Fr Jordon Greatbatch will take place here. Bishop Peter will preside and there are likely to be a number of visitors from the Diocese and the community. This will be followed by a special supper in the Hall.

I hope that through Lent our Church community will be strengthened to face 'the time of trial', to be delivered from evil, and to give itself to God's way wholly and joyfully.

God bless you all



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

Online Services

[facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

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.

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).

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Peter Williams

Celebrant 10.00 am: Bishop Tom Brown

Organ: Paul Ellis and Eric Apperley

Mass Setting: S. Mary's Mass

Anthony Caesar

Organ Voluntary: Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

Dietrich Buxtehude

Introit Hymn: 507

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinn'd against thee.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us....

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated
bow down and hearken to thy weeping
children pity and pardon all our
grievous trespasses.

Hear us....

O thou chief Corner-stone,
Right Hand of the Father
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial
cleanse thou our sinful souls
from all defilement.

Hear us....

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee
with true contrition,
now no more we veil them
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Hear us....

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Hear us....

Greeting:

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**

(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The people are invited to call to mind their 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, 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.**

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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)* Genesis 2: 15–17, 3: 1–7 Fr Ron Smith

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.”

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate.

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 32

R. Your word, O Lord, is true and you are faithful in all you do.

1. Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven, whose sin has been put away. Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **R.**
2. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I did not hide. I said, “I will confess my sins to the Lord,” and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin. **R.**
3. You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble, you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all you that are upright in heart. **R.**

Second Reading:

Romans 5: 12–19

Margaret Maclagan

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

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 4: 1–11

Rev Kate Churchill

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

Sermon:

Bishop Tom Brown

Affirmation of Faith:

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

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

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

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

Intercessions: Robert Maclagan

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 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: Joy Coulter, Sue Shannons

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: 67

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

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

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us into his likeness. We ask this in his name. **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.**

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

His fast of forty days makes this a holy season of self-denial. By rejecting the devil's temptations Christ has taught us to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil, and so to share his paschal meal in purity of heart, until we come to its fulfilment in the promised land of heaven.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of 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, worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

Silence

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: Margaret Maclagan, Dorothy Burrows

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.**

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

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.

Communion Anthem: O for a closer walk with God CV Stanford

Communion Hymn: 70

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Guide our feet on the path of discipleship as we begin our Lenten journey. We ask this in his name.

Amen.

Notices

Blessing: *The Priest gives the blessing.*

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:

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O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely spilt for me:

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone:

A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within:

A heart in every thought renewed,
And full of love divine;
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.

My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new best name of love.

Organ Voluntary:

Overture to Jephtha

GF Handel

From the Wardens

As you are aware we are using Thrive Catering, (an endeavour run by the City Mission), for the supper after the Induction service. If any parishioner wishes to give a donation towards the cost of this, it would be gratefully received by the Wardens either in person or directly into the St Michaels Churchwardens account noting what the donation is for. Regards Michael and Jane

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

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

Lenten Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Lunch at the Pegasus Arms - Sunday 5 March at 12pm. RSVP Ros on 027 242 8282, by Wednesday 1 March.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

NEXT WEEK

The Second Sunday in Lent

5 March 2023

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch
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Servers:	SD: Rachel Watson	MC: Robert Calvert
	Cr: Michael Graveston	Th: Simon Green
First Reading:	Genesis 12: 1-4a	Joshua Wilson Black
Second Reading:	Romans 4: 1–5, 13–17	Jenny Daniels
Gospel:	Matthew 17: 1-9	
Sermon:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Dorothy Burrows	
Sides people:	Jane Ellis, Andrew Moorhouse	
Intercessions:	Barbara Moreton	
Offertory:	Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows	
Morning Tea:	Pat Pilkington, Vince Moreton	
Sacristan:	Jenny Daniels	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Jane Evans	
Flowers:	No Flowers	
Evensong Readers:	Joshua Wilson Black, Simon Green	

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

Fr Ron Smith, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook, Craig Daniels .

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

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

This Sunday	The First Sunday in Lent
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Taizé
Monday	George Herbert, 1633, and all saintly Parish Priests
12:35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
7:00 pm	Induction of Fr Jordan Greatbatch as Vicar of S. Michael and All Angels
Wednesday	David, Patron Saint of Wales
12:35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Carl Sylvius Völkner, Priest and Mokomoko, Rangatira, Opotiki, 1865
12:35 pm	Mass
Friday	John Wesley, Preacher, 1791 and Charles Wesley, Poet, 1788
12:35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
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10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Evensong & Benediction

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