

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 September 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

It looks like Spring is arriving and it is only a few weeks until we change our clocks forward for the start of daylight savings. This often coincides with our Michaelmas celebrations which are taking place on Monday 29 September at 7pm this year, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. Do put this important event in the life of the parish in your diaries and come and join us for what will be a feast of music, worship and of course some all-important food and drink. You will see a few notices relating to Michaelmas in the service sheet, namely a working bee and donations for flowers. If you are able to assist in any other way on the evening please do let me know.

There continues to be a lot of shocking news in our world. From the murder of a political activist in the USA to Israel's military action in Gaza and the continuing conflict in Ukraine. We continue to uphold in prayer all those effected by war and political violence as we hope for peace and reconciliation in our world.

This Sunday we have readings which in fact speak into our current reality. In the Second Reading from 1 Timothy, we have the exhortation to pray especially for those in authority. Those in authority do need our prayers that the power entrusted to them is used for the well-being of every person in the community. Considering that the presumed writer of this letter (Paul or some other Christian leader) was himself the victim of savage persecution by some authorities, he is not telling us to give our unqualified support to all the policies of our leaders. The Church can never, and should never, identify itself fully with any civil administration. At best, there should be as what one Cardinal of the Catholic Church Jaime Sin of Manila called "critical co-operation". But at worst, it may also require an out and out denunciation of an administration's immoral practices and policies.

As we gather this Sunday for Holy Eucharist may we know God's guidance and wisdom so that our prayers may always align with the heart of God, a God of justice and compassion.

God Bless,

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

Father Jordan

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

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 September 2025

Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson **Organ:** Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Joy Coulter, Vince Moreton

Organ: Voluntary in G Henry Purcell

Mass Setting: The New Peoples' Mass Dom Gregory Murray

Introit Hymn: 52

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.

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!

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 (*silence*)

O God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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*)

Amos 8:4-7

Jenny Daniels

The Lord said:

You people crush those in need and wipe out the poor. You say to yourselves, "How much longer before the end of the New Moon Festival? When will the Sabbath be over? Our wheat is ready, and we want to sell it now. We can't wait to cheat and charge high prices for the grain we sell. We will use dishonest scales and mix dust in the grain. Those who are needy and poor don't have any money. We will make them our slaves for the price of a pair of sandals."

I, the Lord, won't forget any of this, though you take great pride in your ancestor Jacob.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 113

R. The Lord's name be praised, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

O praise the Lord, you servants of the Lord: O praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord, both now and for evermore. **R.**

Who can be likened to the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high yet deigns to look down from heaven, look down from heaven to earth? **R.**

The Lord lifts the weak out of the dust and raises the poor from the dung-heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of God's people. **R.**

Second Reading: (*sit*)

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Sue Shannons

First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them. Pray for kings and others in power, so we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honour God. This kind of prayer is good, and it pleases God our Saviour.

God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth, which is, there is only one God, and Christ Jesus is the only one who can bring us to God. Jesus was truly human, and he gave himself to rescue all of us.

God showed us this at the right time.

This is why God chose me to be a preacher and an apostle of the good news. I am telling the truth. I am not lying. God sent me to teach the Gentiles about faith and truth.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Luke 16:1-13

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Jesus said to his disciples:

"A rich man once had a manager to take care of his business. But he was told that his manager was wasting money. So the rich man called him in and said, "What is this I hear about you? Tell me what you have done! You are no longer going to work for me."

The manager said to himself, "What shall I do now that my master is going to fire me? I can't dig ditches, and I'm ashamed to beg. I know what I'll do, so that people will welcome me into their homes after I've lost my job."

Then one by one he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, "How much do you owe my master?"

"A hundred barrels of olive oil," the man answered.

So the manager said, "Take your bill and sit down and quickly write '50.' "

The manager asked someone else who was in debt to his master, "How much do you owe?"

"A thousand sacks of wheat," the man replied.

The manager said, "Take your bill and write '800.' "

The master praised his dishonest manager for looking out for himself so well. That's how it is! The people of this world look out for themselves better than the people who belong to the light.

My disciples, I tell you to use wicked wealth to make friends for yourselves. Then when it is gone, you will be welcomed into an eternal home. Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters. If you cannot be trusted with this wicked wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? And if you cannot be trusted with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something that will be your own? You cannot be the slave of two masters. You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than to the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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: Marla Hughes

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: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

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: 457

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

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

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

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.**

Take to yourself, O Lord, the gifts your people offer, that in this holy sacrament we may enter the mystery which we profess with devotion and faith. 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.

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.....

**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 become for 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.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Peter our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you.

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Gloria Moyle

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.

Lord, you charge us to cherish your law; keep me faithful to your commands.

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: Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Cantata 147) JS Bach

Communion Hymn: 305

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour,
bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water
flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds,
Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never,
never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments
make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee
with thy saints for ay.

Let us pray (*silence*).

Lord, support with your unfailing help those you nourish with this sacrament, that we may feel the power of your redemption in the celebration of the eucharist and in the conduct of our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord 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.
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!

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.

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.

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!

Organ Voluntary: Rondeau from ‘Abdelazar’ Henry Purcell

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Fr Geoff Paterson, Graham Woolnough, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

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

Anniversaries: (Sun) Augusta Genet (Mon) Colin MacDonald
(Tues) Dudley Jinman (Fri) Ev McNally, Gwendoline Gage

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday 10.30am, Parish Lounge. Contact: Barbara Moreton 021940890

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

Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 5.30 pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**. The Outreach would like any donated warm hats and gloves.

Working Bee 'Spring Clean' for Michaelmas

Every year in preparation for our Michaelmas celebrations we have a spring clean of the church and grounds. This will be taking place on Saturday 27 September 10am-12pm. All are welcome. Tools will be provided. We especially need about four strong people to do some lifting of the sleepers in the Durham Street carpark to clean up the retaining wall in that area.

Michaelmas Celebration

Please join us for High Mass on Monday 29 September at 7.00 pm for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. Please bring a plate for a shared supper after the Mass. We are looking for donations towards flowers for Michaelmas. These can be left in a marked envelope in the offertory or via bank deposit with a reference of 'Michaelmas Flowers'.

NEXT WEEK

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 September 2025

8:00 am Mass

10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson

Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson

Servers:

SD: Carol Fraser

MC: Robert Calvert-Griffin

Th: Sung Bae

Cr: Georgia Caughey

Ac: Callum Robertson, Maria Light

First Reading:

Johnann Williams

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading:

Margaret Maclagan

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel:

Fr Robert Jamieson

Luke 16:19-31

Eucharist Ministers: Carol Fraser, Gail Chiswell

Sides people:

Jane Ellis, Toni Stewart

Intercessions:

Johnann Williams

Offertory:

Joy Coulter, Jane Evans

Morning Tea:

Gail and Tim Chiswell

Sacristan:

Robbie Moore

Sacristy:

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Livestream:

Kathleen Campbell

Flowers:

Toni Stewart

Evensong Readers: Taizé

Evensong Server: Taizé

The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

29 September 2025

7.00 pm

Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Fr Peter Williams

Servers:

SD: Fr Peter Williams

MC: Michael Graveston

Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin

Cr:

Ac: Robbie Moore, Callum Robertson

First Reading:

Gloria Moyle

Genesis 28:10-17

Second Reading:

Richard Thompson

Revelations 12:7-12

Gospel:

Fr Robert Jamieson

John 1:47-51

Eucharist Ministers: Fr Peter Williams, Rachel Watson

Sides people:

Robert MacLagan, Maria Light

Intercessions:

Marla Hughes

Offertory:

Jenny and Peter Daniels

Supper:

Jane Evans

Sacristan:

Jenny Daniels

Sacristy:

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Livestream:

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Flowers:

Flower Team for Michaelmas

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8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

Monday No Mass

Tuesday Churchill Julius, Bishop, first Archbishop of New Zealand, 1938
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 am Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm Mass

Friday Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
12.35 pm Mass
7.30 pm COA Organ Recital—"The Best of British?" played by Paul Ellis

Saturday Martyrs of Melanesia

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10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé

Online Services

Sunday	10.00 am	facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch Solemn Mass
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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.