THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 October 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

It is with great hope and I am sure for many an answer to prayer that the there has been a ceasefire between Israel and Palestine. This conflict has raged on for over 2 years now. Of course there are many other conflicts that still rage on, Ukraine and Russia being one of them. Nonetheless it is good to rejoice when we see peace being reached and a ceasing of the misery that accompanies such conflict. As we continue to pray for peace between Israel and Palestine there are some opportunities to gather to pray for peace in the diocese. These can be found in our notices this week. Do have a look.

As mentioned in last weeks letter, we will soon be celebrating All Saints and All Souls. Because of the way these two commemorations fall this year we will be celebrating them on the same day but at different times. For more detail look at the notices for this week.

This past week we reinstated our Study Group on a Thursday night at 6pm. This group will study a variety of topics such as the bible, theology and history. For the next few months, we will be working our way through a book titled Deep Anglicanism by Gerald McDermott. This is open to all who wish to further explore their faith. If you wish to go on the reading list for this study, please contact myself.

This Sunday our Gospel reading is Luke 18:1-8. It is a parable about a judge and a poor widow who is seeking justice. The point is that if even a totally corrupt person who cares neither for God nor man can be made to yield to the pestering of a totally defenceless and resourceless (no money to bribe) widow, how much more will a loving and caring God take care of his children? The lesson, then, is to keep on asking.

Does that mean we can keep asking for just anything? The widow, asked for something which God would certainly want for her—justice. Jesus elsewhere compares God to a decent, caring parent. Would such a parent give a child a stone when the youth asked for bread? Would a parent give a scorpion to a child who asked for an egg? If even worldly parents will give their children what they need, says Jesus, how much more will a loving God see to the needs of his children?

On that occasion, Jesus concluded his teaching by saying that God will always give good things to those who ask him. Luke's version says:

...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Luke 11:13)

God Bless,

Father Jordan

Fr. Jadar

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

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Joy Coulter, Jane Ellis

Organ: Prelude (2nd Suite for Organ) Leon Boellman

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist Noel Rawsthorne

Introit Hymn: 333

All my hope on God is founded; God's great goodness aye endureth, He doth still my trust renew. Deep his wisdom, passing thought:

Me through change and chance he guideth, Splendour, light and life attend him,

Only good and only true. Beauty springeth out of naught.

God unknown, Evermore
He alone From his store

Calls my heart to be his own. New-born worlds rise and adore.

Pride of all and earthly glory,

Sword and crown betray his trust;

What with care and toil he buildeth,

Tower and temple, fall to dust

Daily doth th'Almighty giver

Bounteous gifts on us bestow;

His desire our soul delighteth,

Pleasure leads us where we go.

But God's power,
Love doth stand
Hour by hour,
At his hand;

Is my temple and my tower. Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from all to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done, High above all praises praising For the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call One and all:

Ye who follow shall not fall.

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.

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

Ever-living God, conform our wills freely to yours, and direct our hearts to share your glory by our undivided service; 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) Genesis 32:22-31 Thomas Visakan

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 121

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills, but where shall I look for help? My help comes from the Lord, who has made heaven and earth. **R.**

The Lord will not let your foot stumble, the one who guards you will not sleep. The one who keeps watch over this people shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R.**

The Lord is the one who will guard you, the Lord at your right hand will be your defence, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor yet the moon by night. **R.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil, yes it is the Lord who will keep you safe. The Lord shall take care of your going out, and your coming in, from this time forth and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Gloria Moyle

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. **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 18:1-8 Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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: 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: Sue Shannons, Joy Coulter

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:

55

Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth, And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth: Before him on the mountains Shall peace the herald go; And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest, From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest: The tide of time shall never His covenant remove; His name shall stand for ever; That name to us is Love.

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

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

Lord God, grant us the gift of serving at your altar with free and generous hearts, that your grace may cleanse us from sin through these very mysteries by which we offer you true worship. We ask 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.

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Let us give 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 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.

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: Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,

ka īnoi tatou:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

vour 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.

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 ājanei

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, 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.

(Suna)

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

The eyes of the Lord watch over the faithful; we shall be snatched from death and fed in time of famine.

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: God is our hope and strength JS Bach

Communion Hymn: 406

Lord, teach us how to pray aright With reverence and with fear; Though dust and ashes in thy sight, We may, we must draw near. Faith in the only sacrifice That can for sin atone; To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes, On Christ, on Christ alone;

We perish if we cease from prayer; O grant us power to pray; And when to meet thee we prepare, Lord, meet us by the way. Patience to watch, and wait, and weep, Though mercy long delay; Courage our fainting souls to keep, And trust thee though thou slay.

God of all grace, we bring to thee With broken, contrite hearts; Give, what thine eye delights to see, Truth in the inward parts;

Give these, and then thy will be done; Thus, strengthened with all might, We, through thy Spirit and thy Son, Shall pray, and pray aright.

Let us pray (silence).

Foster your life within us, Lord, by the celebration of the heavenly mysteries: bless us with your help from day to day and so prepare our hearts for the world to come. We make our prayer 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: 237

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Organ Voluntary: Finale (2nd Suite for Organ) Leon Boellman

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

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) Effie Cardale (Mon) John Fraser (Tues) Anne Stansfield

(Thurs) Anne Ladd (Fri) Samuel D. Fisher, Len Arnold

(Sat) Molly Taylor, Anne Watson, John Talbot

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Women's Group—CANCELLED.

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

Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 5.30pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Study Group—Thursday 6.00pm, 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 sun hats and sunscreen.

Week of Prayer for World Peace

This Sunday 19 October is the culmination of the Week of Prayer for World Peace being marked by people of all faiths and none around the world.

Here in Christchurch on Sunday there will be:

- 1.45pm Interfaith Prayers for World Peace at the New Zealand Peace Bell in the Botanical Gardens
- 5.00pm Evensong in the Transitional Cathedral at 5pm (Fr Peter Beck is the preacher). 7.00pm to midnight a Vigil for World Peace in the Transitional Cathedral. People of all faiths and none are invited to come and go as they like in that time to keep a time of prayer and reflection.

All Souls' Mass—7.00pm 2 November 2025

The list of departed to be read out at the service is at the back of the church. If you wish to add others to the list please put their names on the sheets attached to the clipboard.

Celebration of All Saints & All Souls

We are moving All Saints to the closest Sunday so that we can celebrate it together as a parish. This year All Saints falls on a Saturday with All Souls on a Sunday. Because of this we will be having two High Masses on Sunday 2 November. Our usual 10am Mass for All Saints and then a Requiem Mass for All Souls on the Sunday evening at 7pm, replacing Evensong and Benediction.

Health and Safety Training—11.45am 9 November 2025

We kindly invite all relevant parties to our upcoming Health & Safety training. This meeting is designed to ensure all our volunteers are appropriately trained and inducted into the parish's H&S systems. It aims to ensure they understand the processes involved and what their responsibilities are. If you attended the previous training session you do not need to attend this one.

If you can attend the meeting please click the link below or refer to the link on the email. This will assist in our preparations for this training.

Click here for link

Sacristans Required

We require more volunteers for Sacristan duties. This involves preparing for the 10am Sunday Masses. Full training will be provided. For more details please talk to Father Jordan.

NEXT WEEK The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 October 2025

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch
Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson

Servers: SD: Jenny Daniels MC: Thomas Visakan

Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin Cr: Callum Robertson

Ac: Eyob Habte, Georgia Caughey

First Reading: Ros Calvert Sirach 35:12-17

Second Reading: Maria Light 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Fr Robert Jamieson Luke 18:9-14

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Gail Chiswell **Sides people:** Kathleen Campbell, Carol Fraser

Intercessions: Jenny Daniels

Offertory: Brenda Withell, Jane Evans

Morning Tea: Richard Thompson, Brian Gilberthorpe

Sacristan: Eyob Habte

Sacristy: -

Livestream: Hugh Munro
Flowers: Jane Ellis
Evensong Readers: Taizé
Evensong Server: Taizé

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—19 October 2025

8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday Henry Martyn, Missionary, 1812

No Mass

Tuesday Feria 12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Feria

12.00 noon Meditation

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday St James of Jerusalem, Brother of the Lord

11.00 am Bible Study

12.00 am Pray the Rosary

12.35 pm Mass

6.00 pm Study Group

Friday United Nations Day

12.35 pm Mass

2.00 pm School Service

Saturday Feria

Sunday

Next Sunday The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—26 October 2025

8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass 7.00 pm Taizé

Online Services

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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.