

The Anglican Parish of
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 November 2023

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

We are now in the month of November and fast approaching the new liturgical year and the beginning of Advent. And, as we are starting to be reminded by shops and advertisements, Christmas will also soon be upon us!

This Sunday Father Peter Williams will be taking the services in my absence as I head away for a week following my wedding. Natalia and I both want to extend our deepest gratitude for all of your support and help with our special day. Since I arrived here at St Michael's I have very much felt the aroha (love) of the community and we are both excited to begin this new chapter in our lives together with you.

The Gospel reading for this Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time is rather coincidentally about bridesmaids and a bridegroom! Though it is not the sort of wedding we would be familiar with, it is known sometimes as the parable of the Wise and Foolish Maidens, and is unique to Matthew's Gospel. Like many other parables in Matthew, this one moves into allegory. One interpretation is Jesus representing the bridegroom at his second coming and the maidens stand for members of the church; the wedding banquet depicts the fully realised reign of God: and the rejection of the foolish maidens indicates the final judgment. However one approaches the parable one thing is clear, as Christians we are to live expectantly and hopefully. Christian hope rests on trust that the God who created the world will continue to love the world with gentle providence until the project is complete, and will continue to redeem and save the world by coming into it with love and grace, in Jesus Christ.

May God bless you,



Fr 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 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

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Sunday

10.00 am

Solemn Mass—this is a livestreamed service
(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: Fr Peter Williams

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Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd

Organ: Paul Ellis, Eric Apperley

Peter Nardone

Organ Voluntary: Elegy

CH Lloyd

Introit Hymn: 498

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who,
throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace,
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling,
By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race.
Thou who prayedst, thou who willest
That thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth thy will be done.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa ✠ o te Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Amine.

(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 may be welcomed informally and the Mass of the day introduced.

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.

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.**

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.

Almighty and most tender-hearted God, through your inexhaustible goodness, keep us from all that may hurt us, so that, ready in both mind and body, we may, with free hearts, pursue your purpose; 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)* Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12–16 Sue Shannons

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 70

R. You are my helper; make haste, O Lord, to deliver me.

O God, be pleased to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me. Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion. **R.**

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you, and let those who long for your saving help say always, "God is great." **R.**

As for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly, O God, to my aid. You are my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no delay. **R.**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1–13

Deacon Simon Green

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

But the wise replied, "No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Sermon: Fr Peter Williams

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: Barbara Moreton

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: Jenny and Peter Daniels

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.**

In our day of thanksgiving
one psalm let us offer
For the saints who before us
have found their reward;
When the shadow of death
fell upon them, we sorrowed,
But now we rejoice that they
rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life,
and at noon, and at even,
He called them away
from our worship below;
But not till his love,
at the font and the altar,
Had girt them with grace
for the way they should go.

These boards that have echoed
their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground
where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed
they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking
the city of God.

Sing praise then, for all who here sought
and here found Him,
Whose journey is ended,
whose perils are past:
They believed in the Light;
and its glory is round them,
Where the clouds of earth's
sorrows are lifted at last.

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.**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**God's Spirit is with us.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

**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:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka īnoi tatou:
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai,
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āianeī
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: Rachel Watson, Carol Fraser

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.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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: 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.
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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.

Prayer after Communion:

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

May Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory.
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **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: 488

Bring to the Lord a glad new song,
Children of grace extol your king;
Worship and praise to God belong-
to instruments of music, sing!
Let those be warned who spurn his name,
Nations and kings attend his word;
God's justice shall bring tyrants shame:
Let every creature praise the Lord!

Praise him within these hallowed walls,
Praise him beneath the dome of heaven;
By cymbals' sounds and trumpets' calls
Let praises fit for God be given:
With strings and brass and wind rejoice-
Then, join his praise with full accord
All living things with breath and voice:
Let every creature praise the Lord!

Organ Voluntary: For the fallen Edward Elgar

7.00 pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

In response to the recent rise of conflict in our world we want to offer an ongoing time of prayer and reflection for peace. This short service will include prayers, silence, and Benediction.

This will be taking place on Friday's from 12pm to 12.25pm in the Pilgrims Chapel.

Followed by the usual Mass at 12.35pm.

MARKET DAY AT ST MICHAEL'S

November 25th; 10am -3pm.

Stall vendors from around Canterbury and Parish stalls.

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THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

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

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon, in the church.

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

NEXT WEEK**The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

19 November 2023

8:00 am Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Server:** Deacon Simon Green**10.00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Preacher:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Servers:****SD:** Jenny Daniels**MC:** Robert Calvert**Th:** Georgia Caughey**Cr:** Joshua Wilson Black**Ac:** Thomas Visakan, Andrew Moorhouse**First Reading:**

Robert Maclagan

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-15a

Second Reading:

Johann Williams

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Gospel:

Margaret Maclagan

Matthew 25: 14-30

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniel and Peter Daniels**Sides people:**

Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton

Intercessions:

Robert Maclagan

Offertory:

Gloria Moyle, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea:

Gail and Tim Chiswell

Sacristan:

Joshua Wilson Black

Sacristy:

Shirley Richards

Livestream:

Jane Evans

Flowers:

Toni Stewart—In memoriam of John and Edward Moyle

Evensong Readers: Therese Aitchison, Jane Ellis**Evensong Servers:** Robert Calvert**Please pray for...****The Sick:**

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

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8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Margaret, Queen of Scotland
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 pm	Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby
12.00 pm	Prayer Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln
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