THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



CHRIST THE KING

22 November 2026

Letter from the Vicar…

Dear Friends

As many of you would be aware my father Rowen died suddenly last Wednesday. It was certainly a huge shock to me, family and friends. However, despite the pain and sadness of his death we were able to celebrate his life and offer him back into the arms of God in a fitting and meaningful way last Monday. Thank you to all those who have sent kind messages of support, it is much appreciated. And a big thank you to all the clergy who were involved in the services over the weekend in my sudden absence.

Next Sunday we will start a 'new year' with the First Sunday in Advent. As is the custom now, on this last Sunday of the year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. I have written here before about the origins and meaning of the Feast. Pope Pius XI, who wanted to crown the jubilee year of 1925 by the introduction of a new feast to honour the kingship of Christ instituted the Feast of Christ the King (Festum Domini nostri Jesu Christi regis) with his encyclical Quas primas of 1925, in response to growing secularism and secular ultra-nationalism, and in the context of the unresolved Roman Question (a dispute regarding the temporal power of the popes as rulers of a civil territory in the context of the reunification of Italy.)

All during the past year we have been hearing the Gospel read to us and reflected on in Sunday (and weekday) homilies. Perhaps we have done some prayer reflection of our own. Today somehow sums up all that we have been hearing. The Jesus we have watched going around the towns of Galilee, Samaria and Judea, the Jesus we have watched teaching, healing, consoling, liberating is our Lord and King. He is the visible presence of God in our midst.

Today is also an extra special celebration as we have the Baptism of Jonathan Charles Manning. Please keep Jono in your prayers as he approaches this wonderful moment in his life and faith.

God bless you,



Fr Jordan

Christ the King
With the Baptism of Jonathan Manning
22 November 2026

Presider 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Presider 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organist:** Daniel Cooper

Sidespeople: Toni Stewart, Carol Fraser

Opening Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Irish' C S Lang

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd P Nardone

Responses: David Childs

Introit Hymn: Hail Redeemer, King Divine

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.
Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

3. King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ the King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.
Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!"

4. Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.
Angels, saints and nations sing :
"Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!

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.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.

Sovereign God, it is your will to gather up all things in your beloved one, reigning in the universe in the power that is love; mercifully grant that the whole of creation, freed from slavery, may serve and praise you; 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)* Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24 Mia Stuart

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekial

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 23

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.
R.
Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. **R.**
You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**
Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) Ephesians 1:15-23 Gloria Moyle

A reading from the letter from St Paul to the Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

> **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** His power is an everlasting power that shall not be taken away; and his kingdom shall not be destroyed. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you **The Lord bless you**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ✠ **Praise and Glory to God**

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Fr Jordan Greatbatch

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon: Fr Jordan Greatbatch



BAPTISM
OF

Jonathan Charles Manning

(see separate Baptism Service sheet)

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.**

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: Jane Evans, Gloria Moyle

Offertory Proper: Ask of me, and I will give you the nations - Psalm 2

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: 476

1. Ye servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious,
and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation
his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3. Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud,
and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing,
and infinite 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.

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **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.

For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

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:

(Sung)

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:

(Sung)

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:

(Sung)

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

As Christ teaches us we pray:

(Sung)
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 āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia
whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Graveston, Richard Thompson

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 your peace.

This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle and form one line. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms as you approach the priest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Proper: Amen: I say to you – Matthew 25

Communion Anthem: The Prayer of St Michael D Cooper
(sung by St Michael's Scholars & St Michael's Parish Choir)

Let us pray.

Stir up, O God, the wills of your faithful people, that they, richly bearing the fruit of good works may by you be richly rewarded. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Let us proceed in peace. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: 352

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

Tantum Ergo: Therefore we before him bending Thomas Aquinas

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here; faith,
our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

Thou gavest them bread from heaven, Alleluia.
Containing in itself all sweetness, Alleluia.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy saving cross and passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption, who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing:

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

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord**. Amen**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with 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 Voluntary: Tuba Tune C S Lang

7.00 pm Evening Prayer

Please pray for…

The Sick:
Naida Murray, Kay Burgess, John and Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Terry and Betsy McKay.

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

Anniversaries: (Mon) Lillian Kinsey
(Wed) Florence Rutter
(Thurs) Geoffrey Moorhouse
(Fri) Alice Lamport

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Meditation Group—Wednesday, 25th, 12.00 noon in the Church.
Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.
Vestry Meeting – Wednesday, 25th, 5.30pm, Parish Lounge.
Bible Study— Thursday, 26th, 11.00am, Parish Lounge.
Rosary Group—Thursday, 26th, 12.00 noon in the Church.
Study Group– Thursday, 26th, 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.
Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the City Mission.

Eftpos—available at the back of the church for giving.

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan is available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact him to request a time.



Please join us at 7.00pm 29 November 2026 for Advent Lessons and Carols

The Fairy Doll: Sunday 13 December, The Piano 156 Armagh Street, 2pm & 4pm
A classical ballet presented by Counterpointe Ballet School (The Arts Centre: Te Matatiki Toi Ora). Step into the magical world of The Fairy Doll and join its enchanting characters for a festive adventure filled with wonder and delight! Presented here for the first time in New Zealand, The Fairy Doll is a charming and engaging introduction to the magical world of classical ballet for families and first-time ballet audiences. Conductor: Daniel Cooper. Tickets available from Humaitix.com.

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

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.

NEXT WEEK **The First Sunday of Advent** **29 November 2026**

8:00 am Mass	**Celebrant:**	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Server:	Thomas Visakan	
10.00 am Mass	**Celebrant:**	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
Servers:	**MC:**	Thomas Visakan	
	Th:	Lawrence Watson	
	Cr:	Callum Robertson	
	Ac:	Robert Calvert-Griffin, Georgia Caughey	
First Reading:		Jenny Daniels	Isaiah 64:1-9
Second Reading:		Barbara Moreton	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel:		Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Mark 13:24-37
Eucharist Ministers:		Carol Fraser, Jane Evans	
Sides people:		Robert Maclagan, Vince Moreton	
Intercessions:		Joshua Wilson Black	
Offertory:		Dorothy Burrows, Gloria Moyle	
Morning Tea:		Beth Robinson, Carol Fraser	
Sacristan:		Toni Stewart	
Sacristy:		-	
Livestream:		Hugh Munro	
Flowers:		Toni Stewart	
Evensong Server:		Sung Bae	
Evensong Readers:		Fr Peter Williams, Johnathan Tilley	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

This Sunday	**Christ the King - 22 November 2026**
8.00 am	**Low Mass**
10.00 am	**High Mass**
7.00 pm	**Evening Prayer**
Monday	Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100 No Mass
Tuesday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12.00 noon	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Feria
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Feria
2.00 pm	Wedding
Next Sunday	**The First Sunday of Advent - 29 November 2026**
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10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Advent Lessons and Carols

Online Services
www.youtube.com/@saintmichaelandallangels
facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch
Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.
Propers come from various Anglican sources.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.