THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2026

Letter from Bishop Peter

Sunday 29 November 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

I wish to extend my heartfelt condolences to Father Jordan following the death of his father, and to assure him and his family of my prayers and sympathy at this difficult time. The loss of a parent is a profound experience, and I know that the prayers and kindness of the parish community will be a great comfort to him.

As Father Jordan returns to his ministry at St Michael and All Angels, I encourage you all to continue surrounding him with your care, support, and prayers. The ministry of the parish priest carries considerable responsibilities, and it is important that the whole parish family support Father Jordan's leadership and pray for him in the exercise of his calling and responsibilities as Vicar, as I do.

I am grateful for the many ways in which the people of St Michael's contribute to its worship, fellowship and mission. May you continue to work together under Father Jordan's leadership, with generosity of spirit, mutual respect and a shared commitment to the flourishing of the Parish.

Please be assured of my prayers for Father Jordan and for you all.

Arohanui,



+Peter
Bishop of Christchurch

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Presider 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

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

Sidespeople: Robert Maclagan, Vince Moreton

Opening Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
BuxWV 211 D Buxtehude

Mass Setting: St Mary's Mass Caesar

Responses: David Childs

Introit Hymn: Advent Prose 501

1. Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and our beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee.
Drop down, ye heavens,
from above, and let the skies
pour down righteousness.

2. We have sinned,
and are as an unclean thing,
and we all do fade as a leaf:
and our iniquities, like the wind,
have taken us away:
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us,
because of our iniquities.
Drop down, ye heavens,
from above, and let the skies
pour down righteousness.

3. Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord,
and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that
can deliver out of my hand.
Drop down, ye heavens,
from above, and let the skies
pour down righteousness.

4. Comfort ye,
comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud
thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God,
the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer.
Drop down, ye heavens,
from above, and let the skies
pour down righteousness.

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.

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us in silence, 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.**

The Gloria is omitted during Advent

Let us pray.

God of hope give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; so that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)* Isaiah 64:1-9 Jenny Daniels

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 80

R. Restore us again, Lord God of hosts, show us the light of your face and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: shine forth from your throne upon the cherubim. Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to our rescue. **R.**

Turn to us again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and see. Bestow your care upon this vine, upon its stock which your right hand has planted. **R.**

Let your hand rest upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for your service. Then we will never forsake you; O give us life, and we will call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Barbara Moreton

A reading from the first letter from St Paul to the Corinthians

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

> **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 Fr Jordan Greatbatch

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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.
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.

The Blessing and the lighting of the Advent Wreath

Our help is in the name of the Lord. ✠
Who made heaven and earth.

The Lord be with you.
The Lord bless you.

Let us pray.

O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour out your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive your abundant grace. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Advent Wreath is blessed and lit.

Let us pray.

Stir up your might, we beg you, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through your protection and be saved by your help from the dangers that threaten us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions: Joshua Wilson Black

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: Dorothy Burrows, Gloria Moyle

Offertory Proper: Unto you Lord, I have lifted up my soul – Psalm 85

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: 3

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

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.

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. 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 when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

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: Carol Fraser, Jane Evans

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: The Lord will bestow his loving kindness – Psalm 85

Communion Hymn: 6

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

2. He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace
Enrich the humble poor.

4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy belovèd name.

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meeting him when he comes in glory; and 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: 16

1. Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!'
we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright!
Alleluya!
The wedding song
Swells loud and strong:
Go forth and join the festal throng.

2. Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear,
her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!
Let us prepare
To follow there,
Where in thy supper we may share.

3. Every soul in thee rejoices;
From all and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow.
Alleluya!
Grant us to raise,
To length of days,
The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Final Voluntary: Toccata on Psalm 146 J Zwart

7.00 pm Advent Lessons and Carols

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) John Pilkington
(Tues) Brigid Moorhouse
(Wed) David Buzzard
(Thurs) George Julius, John Moyle

NOTICES

THIS WEEK
Needlecraft Group – Tuesday 1 Dec, at Judith's home. Christmas supper and DVD evening. Contact: Ros Calvert 0272428282.
Meditation Group—Wednesday 2 Dec, 12.00 noon in the Church.
Contact: Therese Aitchison 0212516282.
Bible Study—Thursday 3 Dec, 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.
Rosary Group—Thursday 3 Dec, 12.00 noon in the Church.
Sunday Lunch – Sunday 6 Dec, 12.00 noon, Pegasus Arms. RSVP Ros Calvert 0272428282 by Wednesday 2 December.

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.

Important Notice for St Michael's Car Users.
As part of the upcoming After-Hours Public Parking Trial commencing 1 December, all authorised car park users are requested to:
✅ Display a valid parking permit clearly in your vehicle at all times when parked on site.
✅ Provide your vehicle registration plate number(s) so we can maintain an up-to-date register of vehicles authorised to use St Michael's parking spaces.
Please contact the Parish Office if you do not currently have a St Michael's parking permit. You will also need to provide your vehicle registration plate information.
Please email your vehicle registration details to office@stmichaelandallangels.nz by 1 December. If this is not done you risk receiving a parking fine after the 1 December.
Your cooperation will help ensure the trial operates smoothly and that authorised users can be easily identified.
Thank you for your assistance and support.

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 Second Sunday of Advent** **6 December 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:**	Callum Robertson	
	Th:	Thomas Visakan	
	Cr:	Robert Calvert-Griffin	
	Ac:	Maria Light, Carol Fraser	
First Reading:		Johnann Williams	Isaiah 40:1-11
Second Reading:		Joshua Wilson Black	2 Peter 3:8-15a
Gospel:		Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Mark 1:1-8
Eucharist Ministers:		Richard Thompson, Michael Graveston	
Sides people:		Toni Stewart, Michael Graveston	
Intercessions:		Barbara Moreton	
Offertory:		Toni Stewart, Jane Evans	
Morning Tea:		Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington	
Sacristan:		Thomas Visakan	
Sacristy:		Ros Calvert	
Livestream:		Kathleen Campbell	
Flowers:		Toni Stewart	
Evensong Server:		Callum Robertson	
Evensong Readers:		Ros Calvert, Callum Robertson	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

This Sunday	**The First Sunday of Advent – 29 November 2026**
8.00 am	**Low Mass**
10.00 am	**High Mass**
7.00 pm	**Advent Lessons and Carols**
Monday	**St Andrew, Apostle, Martyr**
	No Mass
6.00 pm	St Michael's Church School Carol service
Tuesday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Feria
12.00 noon	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
Next Sunday	**The Second Sunday of Advent – 6 December 2026**
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10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

20 December

7.00 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

24 December

4.00pm Children's Crib Service
11.00pm Carol Service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Low Mass
10.00am High Mass

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.