

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas
5 October 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

We had a wonderful celebration for Michaelmas on Monday evening. Once again, a huge thank you to those who contributed towards the stunning music, flowers, worship and supper. As Michaelmas is our patronal festival we keep the celebrations going till Sunday, within the octave of the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. An octave, not to be confused with a musical interval between two notes, is the liturgical idea that the great feasts of the church can be celebrated for eight days. The first Christian octave known to history is the dedication of the Churches of Tyre and Jerusalem, under Constantine, and that these solemnities, in imitation of the dedication of the Jewish Temple, lasted eight days. This feast may possibly have influenced the adoption of the octave by Christians. From the fourth century onwards the celebration of octaves is mentioned more frequently.

As well as being an important feast in the life of the church, Michaelmas in England was long observed with many special ceremonies and customs. The Michaelmas daisy was named in the saint's honour, and village maidens in other days gathered crabapples on his feast. These were carried home and put into a loft, so arranged as to form the initials of their supposed lovers. The initials that were still perfect on old Michaelmas Day (October 11) were supposed to show where true love was. Another curious belief was that it was unlucky to gather blackberries on the feast of Saint Michael. The outstanding and most persistent custom connected with Michaelmas was the eating of a goose at dinner. This seems to have originated with the practice of presenting a goose to the landlord when paying the rent. According to a sixteenth-century poet:

*And when the tenants come to pay their quarter's rent,
They bring some fowl at Midsummer, a dish of fish in Lent,
At Christmas a capon, at Michaelmas a goose,
And somewhat else at New-year's tide, for fear their lease fly loose.*

We may not be eating goose this Michaelmas (though some might!) but I pray that we might continue to know the providence and joy of God and his Holy Angels as we gather for Holy Eucharist this Sunday, within the octave of Michaelmas.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Fr. Jordan'.

Father Jordan

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: Janet Gibbs
Cantor:	Richard Peters	
Sidespeople:	Maria Light, Jane Evans	
Organ:	Intrada	John Ireland
Mass Setting:	A New Peoples' Mass	Dom Gregory Murray
Introit Hymn:	475	

Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!

Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**
(In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

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

The Mass of the day is introduced and the people are invited to call to mind their sins.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

**Merciful God,
we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done,
and in the good we have not done.**

**We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(Sung)

**Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.**

Through the cross of Christ, ✠ God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and
keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

(Sung)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, ✠
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray (*silence*)

O God, who in your unfathomable providence are pleased to send your holy Angels to guard us, hear our supplication as we cry to you, that we may always be defended by their protection and rejoice eternally in their company. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: (*sit*)

Genesis 18:1-15

Robert Maclagan

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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

Responsorial Psalm:

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R. O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: Happy are those who find refuge in Him.

I will give thanks to the Lord at all times: God's praise will always be on my lips. My soul will glory in the Lord: the humble will hear and be glad. **R**

O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt God's name together. I sought your help O Lord and you answered me: and freed me from all my fears. **R.**

Look towards the Most High, and be radiant with light: and your faces will not be ashamed. In my affliction I cried out, and the Lord heard me: and saved me from all my troubles. **R.**

Your angel O Lord keeps guard around those who fear you: to rescue them in time of danger. Taste and see how gracious the Lord is: happy are those who find refuge in the Most High. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) Hebrews 12: 18–19, 22-25, 28-29, 13:1-2 Kate Churchill

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Bless the Lord, all you angels, you ministers, who do his will. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel: John 20:11-18

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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: Rachel Watson

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: Dorothy Burrows, Adrienne Curtis

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.**

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

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.**

Receive, O Lord, the offerings we bring before you as we venerate your holy Angels,
and graciously grant that under their constant protection we may be delivered from
present dangers and brought happily to life eternal. 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you
thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, and to praise you without end
in your Archangels and Angels.

For the honour we pay the angelic creatures in whom you delight redounds to your own
surpassing glory, and by their great dignity and splendour you show how infinitely great
you are, to be exalted above all things, through Christ our Lord.

Through him the multitude of Angels extols your majesty, and we are united with them in exultant adoration, as with one voice of praise we acclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father. Send your Holy Spirit, that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may become for us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

On the night before he died, your Son Jesus Christ took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Glory to you, Lord Christ: your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await.
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ, our great high priest.

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

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

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

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

As Christ teaches us we pray:

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

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka 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 āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Rachel Watson, Gail Chiswell

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

(Sung)

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

In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

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.

Communion Organ Meditation: The Heart of Peace Mons Leidvin Takle

Communion Hymn: In this familiar place

In this familiar place
know the mystery of your grace.
For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
for this here and now.

Among these friends of mine
I taste the company divine.
For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
for this here and now.

In halting song and word
the music of your voice is heard
For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
for this here and now.

Within this narrow sphere
I learn that you are everywhere.
For the love that I receive,
for the truth that I believe,
I praise and thank you;
for this here and now.

Let us pray (*silence*).

As you are pleased to nourish us for eternal life with so great a Sacrament, O Lord,
direct us by the ministry of Angels into the way of salvation and peace. Through Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints; Christ protect you by the ministry of the
angels; the Spirit make you holy in God's service; 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: 377

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
thou rulest in might;
Thy justice,
like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds
which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—
to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render;
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Organ Voluntary: Choral Joseph Jongen

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

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

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

Anniversaries: (Sun) Clyde Fahy, Wynne Marsh (Mon) Kenneth Schollar—Priest
(Thurs) Ann Calvert
(Fri) Don Sheppard, Kenneth Gray, Johnathan Mane-Wheoki

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Parish lunch—Sunday 5 October 12 noon, Pegasus Arms.

Needlework Group—Tuesday 7.00pm at Joy's home. Contact Ros Calvert for details.
0272428282

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

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

The Sound of Music- Youth Edition

Performed at The Piano from 10-12 October and it has two St Michael's singers in it - Mack Holcroft and Matilda Tombros (who are both in the Hammerstein cast- Friday at 3pm, Saturday at 7pm, Sunday at 1pm). Produced by Ben and Louise Glossop.

Tickets and info: <http://www.enchantingproductions.co.nz>

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 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 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: Robert Calvert-Griffin
	Th: Hugh Munro	Cr: Georgia Caughey
	Ac: Liam Moore, Robbie Moore	
First Reading:	Brenda Withell	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Second Reading:	Barbara Moreton	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Luke 17:11-19
Eucharist Ministers:	Jenny Daniels, Rachel Watson	
Sides people:	Tim Cranston, Vince Moreton	
Intercessions:	Johnann Williams	
Offertory:	Ann Jinman, Gloria Moyle	
Morning Tea:	Gail and Tim Chiswell	
Sacristan:	Robbie Moore	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Jane Evans	
Flowers:	Ros Calvert	
Evensong Readers:	Barbara Moreton, Jane Ellis	
Evensong Server:	Hugh Munro	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels

This Sunday **Sunday in the Octave of Michaelmas—5 October 2025**

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

Monday The Saints and Martyrs of Asia
No Mass

Tuesday William Tyndale, Translator of the Holy Scriptures, Martyr, 1536
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Bridget of Sweden, Mystic, Religious, Patron Saint of Sweden, 1373
12.00 noon Meditation
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253
11.00 am Bible Study
12.00 am Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm Mass

Friday Feria
12.35 pm Mass
2.00 pm School Service

Saturday Feria

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass