

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
10 May 2026

From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

Firstly, a huge thank you to those who attended our AGM last Sunday. We had a productive meeting, and it was a great opportunity to share with the parish our current trajectory in regards to mission, ministry, finance and property. This Sunday we will be inducting the newly voted members of the vestry. Please pray for them as they help support the work of the parish in many areas. Just another reminder about our Founders Day Mass next Sunday. Please do join us for this important event in the life of the parish. Have a look at the notices for further details.

In our Gospel for this week, we have Jesus continuing to comfort his disciples before his departure. This comfort comes in the form of a promise, a promise that 'the advocate' will be sent to guide and strengthen the believers. There is however a requirement to the presence of 'this advocate', that of love. And love we are told is demonstrated by keeping Jesus' commandments. However, Jesus does not simply offer moral exhortation. John's Gospel offers these commands not as a burden but a response to love. This is defined in various ways such as believing, loving, abiding.

In a sense this is what we do when we gather for Mass each Sunday. We profess our belief through the words of the liturgy and common prayer. We love each other by our very presence and the encouragement that we offer. And we abide in Christ's love through partaking in the sacred meal, the Eucharist. Let us continue to encourage each other by our presence each week, building up the body of Christ here at St Michael's.



Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Father Jordan

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

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10 May 2026

Celebrant 8.00 am:	Fr Robert Jamieson	
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Organist: Daniel Cooper
Sidespeople:	Kathleen Campbell, Joy Coulter	
Mass Setting:	Mass of St Cedd	P Nardone
Responses:	Childs	
Opening Voluntary:	Vater unser Himmelreich BWV 636	J S Bach
Introit Hymn:	408	

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and 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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Dear brothers and sisters,
Filled yet with Easter joy, let us prepare our hearts for the celebration of this Eucharist
by reminding ourselves of the new life we have received through the waters of baptism.

God our Father,
your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth;
in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins
and the gift of life eternal.
Sanctify this water, we pray.
Renew the living spring of your life within us,
that we may be free from sin
and filled with your saving health;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Priest sprinkles the people with Holy water followed by:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins ✠, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. **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.

Everliving God, may we fervently celebrate with great joy these days in honour of the Risen One and show forth in our lives all that we proclaim; 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)*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 17:22-31)

Johann Williams

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

Responsorial Psalm: 66

R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God all the Earth, O sing to the glory of his name, rendering glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**

Before you all the earth shall bow, shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the words of God, tremendous deeds for the people. **R.**

God turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dryshod. Let our joy then be in the Lord; who rules forever in power. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God, I will tell what God did for my soul; Blessed be God who has not rejected my prayer nor withheld his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 3:13–22)

Hugh Munro

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect.

Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Praise and Glory to God**Gospel:**

John 14:15-21

Fr Robert Jamieson

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Sermon:

Fr Robert Jamieson

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.**

Commissioning of the new Vestry:

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptised by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons, in the name of God and of this congregation, to the special ministry to which they are called. We know that they are prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honour of God and for the well-being of the Church.

You have been called to ministry in this congregation as Wardens, Lay Synod Members, and Vestry members. Will you perform this work with diligence? **R. I will.**

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry, to the honour of God, and the benefit of the people of this congregation? **R. I will.**

Eternal God, source of all wisdom and courage, bless the Wardens and Vestry of this Parish, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission:

St Michael's Vestry 2026

Chair: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Curate: Fr Robert Jamieson

Vicar's Warden: Richard Thompson

People's Warden: Gloria Moyle

Treasurer: Michael Graveston

Lay Synod Members: Jane Evans, Hugh Munro

Elected Members: Robert Calvert-Griffin, Gail Chiswell, Mia Stuart, Dorothy Burrows. Michael Graveston.

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, Gloria Moyle

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: 342

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

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

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

Lord, let our prayers and offerings rise before you, that we whom you have cleansed in baptism may respond worthily to the mystery of your great love. Grant this through Jesus 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.

In this time above all we laud you yet more gloriously when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. For he is the true Lamb who has taken away the sins of the world; by dying, he has destroyed our death, and by rising restored our life.

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:

Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka ĭnoi tatou:

**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.**

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: 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 peace.**

If you love me, your Lord, then do as I command, and I will ask the Father to send another Paraclete to stay with you for ever, alleluia.

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 two lines according to which side you are seated. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm, or alternatively receive on the tongue. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms as you approach the priest. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Chant during communion: Ave Verum Corpus

Communion Proper: Non vos reliquam / Psalm 122 (123)

Let us pray.

All-powerful and ever-living God, in the resurrection of Christ you restore us to eternal life. Increase within us the effects of this Easter mystery and pour out in our hearts the strength of this saving food. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The God of peace, who by the blood of the eternal covenant brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work; working in you that which is pleasing and good 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. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Final Hymn: 139

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
And from thy celestial home
Shed thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here,
Come, the soul's true radiancy.

O thou Light most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of thy faithful company:
Where thou art not, we hath nought;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from thy divinity.

Come, of comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest guest,
Come in toil refreshingly:
Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.

Sinful hearts do thou make whole,
Bring to life the arid soul,
Guide the feet that go astray:
Make the stubborn heart unbed,
To the faint, new hope extend,
Wounded souls their hurt allay.

Fill the faithful, who confide
In thy power to guard and guide,
With thy sevenfold mystery:
Here thy grace and virtue send,
Grant salvation in the end,
And in heaven felicity.

Final Voluntary: Suite Gothique—Toccata L Boëllmann

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Margaret Wallis, Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, Terry & 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: (Sun) Mary Ibbotson
(Mon) Douglas Griffiths, Bill Matthews
(Wed) Lydia Leeming
(Fri) Derek Leeming, Ron Fussell
(Sat) Herbert Beattie

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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.

Bible Study - Thursday 6.00 pm, Parish Lounge.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

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

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession) - Fr Jordan and Fr Robert are available to offer the Rite of Reconciliation. Please contact either to request a time.

FOUNDERS DAY— Join us to celebrate 175 years of the Founding of St Michael and All Angels Church and School with a combined Mass of thanksgiving on **Sunday 17th May at 10am**. Bishop Peter is our preacher. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate for morning tea which can be left in **the hall prior to the service**. For this service the school community will be seated with their parents throughout the church so please come early to secure your seat.

PASTORAL CARE MEETING - a reminder that the next meeting will be on Friday 15 May at 10.00.

REGULAR WORKING BEE - Some parishioners have raised the idea of a more regular working bee around the church grounds, particularly during these autumn months. If you are interested in being contacted about such a group please contact Fr Jordan.

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

Founders Day

17 May 2026

8:00 am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson **Server:** Thomas Visakan

10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Preacher: Bishop Peter Carrell

Servers:

MC: Thomas Visakan

Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin **Cr:** Maria Light,

Ac: School

First Reading:

School

Second Reading:

School

Gospel:

Fr Robert Jamieson Matt 5:1-12

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Hugh Munro

Sides people:

Judith McKaskell, Vince Moreton

Intercessions:

Johnann Williams

Offertory:

Gloria Moyle, Brenda Withell

Morning Tea:

Parishioners

Sacristan:

Thomas Visakan

Sacristy:

Jenny Daniels

Livestream:

Eyob Habte

Flowers:

Toni Stewart

Evensong Readers: Sue Patterson, Johnann Williams

Evensong Server: Sung Bae

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday	The Sixth Sunday of Easter — 10 May 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction
Monday	Ruatara, Te Ara mō te Rongopai (The Gateway to the Gospel)
12.35 pm	Mass
Tuesday	Samuel Marsden, Priest, Missionary, Apostle of New Zealand, 1838
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Ihāia te Ahu, Missionary, Preist in Te Arawa
12.00 noon	Meditation
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Ascension Day
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 am	Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm	Mass
6.00 pm	Bible Group
Friday	St Matthias the Apostle
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Te Wera Hauraki, Missionary in Ngāti Kahungaunu
Next Sunday	Founders Day — 17 May 2026
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass of Thanksgiving with School
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

Online Services

facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch
Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

All readings are the NRSVUE version, unless otherwise stated.
Propers come from the Roman Catholic Missal 1998.
Liturgy taken from The New Zealand Prayer Book.

