

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
21 April 2024

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we have our Annual General Meeting following the 10am service. The AGM is an important part of our parish life. All those who are members of the parish are encouraged to attend and contribute. The AGM is a time to look at the past year's work and reflect on how much we have proclaimed God's love as seen in Jesus. Our Church community exists so that others might be drawn into the life of God. Whilst there is important discussion on finances and property the AGM is so much more than that. The AGM is our chance to look back and assess whether or not we are helping proclaim the Gospel to all those who come through our doors. It's a time to look forward to see how we might do that better in the future. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all that takes place in the parish and how we might continue to be custodians of these wonderful buildings and the tradition that we have inherited. And of course, to vote for those who we wish to represent us at Synod and Vestry. Please come along and support this important meeting.

Looking at our Gospel reading for this Sunday, we have the well-known passage of the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd we are told 'lays down his life for the sheep.' It is one of the most profound images of Jesus. It is an accessible image, a reassuring image, depicting God as caring, loving and faithful. As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection this Easter Season may we draw strength from the fact that God's love is always with us and in fact even seeks us out. For as Jesus says 'I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.'

Easter Blessings,

Fr Jordan



If you would like a copy of the music for the mass setting and hymns please speak to one of the Sides People.

Parish Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

Online Services

[facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)

Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass

Health & Safety Regulations: In an emergency, use the closest exit and assemble in the drop-off zone. In an earthquake, drop down and shelter behind or under a pew, covering your head. Follow instructions.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch
Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Organ:** Paul Ellis
Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist Noel Rawsthorne

Organ Voluntary: Toccata for L'organ primitive Petro Yon

Introit Hymn: 390

Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
There they behold thy mercy-seat;
Where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
And every place is hallowed ground.

Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.

For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.

Here may we prove the power of prayer,
To strengthen faith and sweeten care;
To teach our faint desires to rise,
And bring all heaven before our eyes.

Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make a thousand hearts thine own!

Greeting:

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

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

Dear brothers and sisters, let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
that this water which was blessed at the great feast of Easter,
now be for us a memorial of our Baptism.

May he help us by his grace
To remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

The Priest sprinkles the people with Holy water while the choir sing the Antiphon 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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

Acts 4: 5-12

Therese Aitchison

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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; therefore can I lack nothing. You, Lord, make me lie down in green pastures, and lead me beside the waters of peace. **R.**

You revive my spirit and guide me in right pathways, for your name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff are my comfort. **R.**

You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **R.**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good sheherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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 10: 11-18

Fr Peter Williams

Jesus said: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away— and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*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.

Intercessions:

Fr Peter Williams

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:

Joy Coulter, 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: 457

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

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.**

Grant we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so
that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending you.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature.

You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. By his victory over death, the reign of sin is ended, a new age has dawned, a broken world is restored and we are made whole once more. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

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

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

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

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

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ 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 inoi tatou:
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
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,

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, 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.

**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.**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for the sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia. **Amen**

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

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

For Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer.

Anthem: Brother James Air arr. Gordon Jacob

Communion Hymn: 282

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

Prayer after Communion:

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

Christ is risen, alleluia. **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

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 well-pleasing in his sight.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and 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: 486

Organ Voluntary: Postlude in C Henry Smart

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word make flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
By all creation glorified:
He sends his Spirit on his Church,
To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Now we rejoice to name him Kin:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

The AGM will be held after the 10am service.

Shared Morning Tea

We will be having a shared morning tea on **Sunday the 28th April** following the 10am Mass. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate which can be left in the Parish Hall prior to the service. All are welcome.

Pegasus Pilgrims

This is the younger age social group of St Michael's. We meet monthly at the Pegasus Arms on the first Wednesday of the month. Next gathering: **Wednesday 1st May at 5.30pm.** Speak to Father Jordan for more details.

Sidespeople & Morning Tea helpers needed

We are needing more volunteers for our Sidesperson and Morning Tea helpers. This is a vital and important ministry in the parish. For more details please contact Lawrence Watson at lrwatson@xtra.co.nz.

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

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

Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 5.30pm, Parish Lounge.

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

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

NEXT WEEK**Fifth Sunday of Easter****28 April 2024****8:00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Geoff Paterson **Server:** Hugh Munro**10.00 am** Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Preacher:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Servers:****SD:** Jenny Daniels**MC:** Joshua Wilson Black**Th:** Robert Calvert**Cr:** Hugh Munro**Ac:** Thomas Visakan, Sung Bae**First Reading:**

Sue Shannons

Acts 8: 26-40

Second Reading:

Jenny Daniels

1 John 4: 7-21

Gospel:

Deacon Simon Green

John 15: 1-8

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Gloria Moyle**Sides people:**

Adrienne Curtis, Robert Maclagan

Intercessions:

Robert Maclagan

Offertory:

Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea:

Gail and Tim Chiswell

Sacristan:

Deacon Simon Green

Sacristy:

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Livestream:

Andrew Moorhouse

Flowers:

Johnann Williams, Toni Stewart

Please pray for...**The Sick:**

Jackie Tait, David McFerran, Jamie McDermott, Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, Claire & John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson.

Terry & Betsy Mckay, John Bertken, Peter Easterbrook, Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.

Anniversaries: (Tues) Elisabeth Alberts (Thurs) Margaret Stephenson
(Sat) John Williamson, Priest.

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**The Anglican Parish of
St Michael and All Angels,
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Saturday

Next Sunday

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Fourth Sunday of Easter—21 April 2024

Low Mass

Solemn Mass followed by the AGM

Evensong and Benediction

Feria

Morning Prayer

Mass

Evening Prayer

George, Martyr, Patron Saint of England

Morning Prayer

Mass

Evening Prayer

Toyohiko Kagawa, Teacher

Morning Prayer

Meditation Group

Mass

Evening Prayer

ANZAC DAY

Mass

St Mark the Evangelist

Morning Prayer

Mass

Evening Prayer

Feria

Fifth Sunday of Easter—28 April 2024

Low Mass

Solemn Mass

Taizé

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