

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Second Sunday of Advent
8 December 2024

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

We have begun the Advent Season which calls us to wait and prepare as we approach the great Feast of the Nativity. At this time of the year, it is a big challenge to focus on what the season is actually about and what the Nativity really means for us as Christians. And so, despite the often-confronting nature of the readings and themes of Advent in some sense they 'wake us' up to the true meaning of the season, the profound message that Jesus is Emmanuel, 'God with us.' May we have a deep sense of that message as we move through Advent and towards Christmas.

I write this letter on what is in fact *International Volunteers Day*, the 5 December.

Parishioner Carol Fraser highlighted the importance of this day during the week and kindly provided how much volunteers are the backbone of the parish of St Michael and All Angels. And so, I want to acknowledge the amazing work so many of you do here at church and how we could not do it without you. Hopefully it will also be an encouragement to those who don't currently volunteer to be inspired to contribute in some way, however small. And so, on that note here is the list of St Michael volunteers compiled by Carol, and once again a huge thank you!

Every week at least 40 people volunteer at masses and evensong services:

15 Singers

8 Servers: 6 servers in the Sanctuary + 8 o'clock and Evensong

1 Intercessor

2 Offertory

2 Ministers of the Eucharist

4 Readers

2 sides people

4 weekday servers

1 Sacristan

1 Livestream

1 Children's Church

2 morning tea

The Wardens and treasurer: 2

Outside of Sunday worship at least 45 people are rostered to serve as volunteers: many do several duties, many on several rosters.

Serving on our Vestry, and other committees: 20

Vestry Secretary and administrator.

The Pastoral carers: 8

Doing the rosters: 1

Sacristans: 3

Morning tea servers: 8

Coordinating/Leading: Meditation Group, Rosary, Bible Study and Women's Fellowship: 5

Organising Sunday pub lunches .

Hosting visitors on weekdays: 3

Cleaning, scrubbing and polishing brass: 6

Cash counting and City Mission deliverers: 2

Arranging flowers weekly: 5

Washing, ironing, and mending church linen, cassocks and cottas 1

Building, fixing and repairing everything.

Gardening, weeding and beautifying our exterior.

God Bless,
Father Jordan



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

The Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 2024

Celebrant 8.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch		
Celebrant 10.00 am:	Fr Jordan Greatbatch	Organ:	Paul Ellis
Sidespeople:	Carol Fraser, Kathleen Campbell		
Organ:	Fugues on the Magnificat Composed for the second Sunday of Advent 1702		Johann Pachebel
Mass Setting:	St Mary's Mass		Anthony Caesar
Introit Hymn:	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry		

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Then cleansed by every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.
Amen.

Greeting:



Ki te ingoa o te ✠ Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. **Ā—mi—ne.**
(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.

**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.**

**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 peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Let us pray (*silence*).

Stir up your power, O God, and with your great might come to our aid, so that where our sins impede us, the help of your grace may swiftly deliver us, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: (*sit*) Baruch 5:1-9 Thomas Visakan
Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendour of glory from God forever; wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendour: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east of the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

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

R. Show us your mercy, O Lord, and give us your saving help.

Let me hear what you will say, O Lord, for you will speak peace to your people, to your servants whose hearts are turned to you. For deliverance is at hand for those who fear you, so that your glory may dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met together, justice and peace have embraced each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from heaven. **R.**

You, Lord, will give prosperity and our land shall yield its harvest. Justice shall go before you and the path for your feet shall be peace. **R.**

Second Reading: *(sit)* Philippians 1: 3–11

Johann Williams

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the Gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: *(stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Praise and Glory to God

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judæa, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituræa and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: The voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

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.**

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 (*silence*)

Let us cleanse our hearts for the coming of our great king that we may be ready to welcome him. He is coming and will not delay.

The Second Advent Candle is lit

Father in heaven the day draws near when the glory of your son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May the lure of greed not impede us from the joy which moves the heart of those who seek him, may the darkness not blind us to the vision of wisdom which fills the minds of those who find him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions: Margaret Maclagan

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: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

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: 388

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

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 our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus 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.

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.....

**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.**

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 ĭnoi 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: Jack Barrie, Jenny Daniels

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.

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from 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.

Anthem: This is the truth

arr. R Vaughan Williams

Communion Hymn: Advent Prose 501

Refrain: Drop down, ye heavens, from
above, and let the skies
pour down righteousness.

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.
Refrain:

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.
Refrain:

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.
Refrain:

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.
Refrain:

Let us pray (*silence*).

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Notices

Blessing:

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

Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and 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: 10

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
When he comes, when he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
When he comes, when he comes,
We will make him welcome!

Organ Voluntary: Watche auf

Max Reger

7.00 pm Taizé

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Vince Moreton, Lynda Daniels, Braden Ritchie, Donna Curtis, John Patterson,
Pamela Hindin-Whitewood, Charles Barltrop, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Rita Libeau, 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, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

Departed: Fr Geoff Gray

Anniversaries: (Tues) Michael Ardley, Priest (Wed) Fred Knowles
(Thurs) John Stevenson, Keith Royce

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, 6.00 pm Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

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

MUSIC PERFORMANCE GROUP – Sunday (today) 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Church.

All (including interested people from outside the Church) are welcome to attend as either performers or as audience participants. There is no cost for attendance, but donations for instrument maintenance are welcomed.

Contact: Eric Apperley (03) 325 5848

22 DECEMBER

7pm — The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

A service of carols, choral music and Bible readings which tell the Christmas story.

24 DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm — Children's Crib Service

A short service for children around the crib.

11pm — Christmas Carols

A series of Christmas carols sung by congregation and choir, immediately followed by...

11:30pm — Midnight Mass

The first Mass of Christmas.

25 DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am — Low Mass

A short Mass without musical accompaniment.

10am — Solemn Mass

A longer Mass with choir and organ and activities for children.

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 Third Sunday of Advent****15 December 2024****8:00 am Mass**
10.00 am Mass**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Server:** Robert Calvert**Celebrant:** Fr Jordan Greatbatch**Preacher:** Deacon Robert Jamieson**Servers:****SD:** Margaret Maclagan **MC:** Sung Bae**Th:** Michael Graveston **Cr:** Jack Barrie**Ac:** Hugh Munro, Robbie Moore**First Reading:**

Ros Calvert Zephaniah 3:14-20

Second Reading:

Kate Churchill Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel:

Fr Peter Williams Luke 3:7-18

Eucharist Ministers:

Margaret Maclagan, Gail Chiswell

Sides people:

Tim Cranston, Toni Stewart

Intercessions:

Rachel Watson

Offertory:

Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows

Morning Tea:

Gail and Tim Chiswell

Sacristan:

Jenny Daniels

Sacristy:

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Livestream:

Joshua Wilson Black

Flowers:

Toni Stewart

Evensong Readers:

Therese Aitchison, Johann Williams

Evensong Server:

Hugh Munro

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

This Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent—8 December 2024
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé
Monday	Holy Men of the Old Testament
12.35 pm	Mass
6.00 pm	St Michael's Church School Carol Service
Tuesday	Thomas Merton, Spiritual Writer, 1968
8.30 am	Morning Prayer
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Octavius Hadfield, Bishop, 1904
8.30 am	Morning Prayer
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Feria
8.30 am	Morning Prayer
12.00 noon	Rosary Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	Lucy, Martyr, Syracuse, c.304
8.30 am	Morning Prayer
10.45 am	St Michael's Church School Senior Prize Giving and Year 8 Leavers Service
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Feria
Next Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent—15 December 2024
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass