

The Anglican Parish of
St MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS



The Second Sunday of Advent
10 December 2023

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This Sunday we continue our preparations for the coming of Jesus. That is, we are preparing to celebrate his coming among us as a new-born baby in Bethlehem. Therefore, it is a special time for us to remember with deep gratitude God's great love for us. As it is written in John's Gospel:

And the Word became flesh and lived among us (i.e. took on our weak and fragile human nature, John 1:14). For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son (John 3:16)

This Sunday's Gospel tells us to prepare for that coming, that remembering, that celebrating. It does so by speaking about John the Baptist preparing people to welcome the coming of Jesus as his public life and mission begin.

In the busyness of December, it is easy to lose sight of this 'preparing'. We are perhaps preparing to finish work for the year, or welcome family and friends into our homes and provide hospitality. In some sense this preparation is good and worthwhile. For the incarnation that we celebrate at Christmas teaches us that God is with us in all our doing, whether that be the spiritual or the mundane. This is highlighted by the ministry of John the Baptist. For we are told he came wearing 'camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist and he ate locusts and honey.' There was no great fanfare but rather a humble message that the Messiah is coming and so we must prepare. I pray that as we continue to journey through this time of Advent you too would know God's presence in whatever 'preparation' you are making to welcome the Christ Child in our midst.

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

Sunday 10.00 am [facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch](https://www.facebook.com/SMAAChristchurch)
Solemn Mass—this is a livestreamed service
(pews in front of the sound desk are not filmed)

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: St Mary's Mass Anthony Caesar

Organ: Fugues on the Magnificat Johann Pachelbel
composed for the second Sunday of Advent, 1702

Introit Hymn: 12

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of 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 be 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. Amine.
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

The people may be welcomed informally and the Mass of the day introduced.

Light the Advent candle, two:
Think of humble shepherds, who
filled with wonder at the sight
of the child of Christmas night.

Candle, candle, burning bright,
shining in the warm Summer night;
candle, candle, burning bright,
fill our hearts with Christmas light.

The people are invited to call to mind their sins in silence.

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.**

Second Reading: (*sit*) 2 Peter 3: 8–15a

Barbara Moreton

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 straight his paths and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Mark 1: 1–8

Fr Geoff Paterson

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And people from the whole Judæan countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.”

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, 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: Robert 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: Toni Stewart, Sue Shannons

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. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no Merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

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

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. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. 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.**

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 āianeī
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, 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.

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: Lift up your heads Johann Freylinghausen

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...

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...

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...

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...

Prayer after Communion:

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humble beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

Lord have mercy on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our saviour.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **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: 3

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

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

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

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

Organ Voluntary: Wachtel Auf

Max Reger

7.00 pm

Taizé

CHURCH WORKING BEE

Preparing the Church and grounds for Christmas

10am Saturday 16 December

Many hands make light work!

THIS WEEK**NOTICES**

Prayers for Peace—Final meeting for the year—Friday 8 December.

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

Bible Study— Thursday 11.00 am, Parish Lounge. Final meeting for the year.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon, in the church. Final meeting for the year.

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

NEXT WEEK**The Third Sunday in Advent**

17 December 2023

8:00 am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch **Server:** Hugh Munro

10.00 am Mass

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Preacher: Deacon Simon Green

Servers:

SD: Jack Barrie **MC:** Thomas Visakan

Th: Robert Calvert **Cr:** Georgia Caughey

Ac: Matilda Tombros, Liam Moore

First Reading: Ros Calvert Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Second Reading: Therese Aitchison 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: Margaret Maclagan John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Eucharist Ministers: Margaret Maclagan, Michael Graveston

Sides people: Toni Stewart, Andrew Moorhouse

Intercessions: Marla Hughes

Offertory: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson

Morning Tea: Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington

Sacristan: Eyob Habte

Sacristy: Shirley Richards

Livestream: Hugh Munro

Flowers: Toni Stewart

Nine Lessons and Carols Readers:

School, Joshua Wilson Black, Therese Aitchison,

Deacon Simon Green, School, Jack Barrie, Johann Williams,

Fr Peter Williams, Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Evensong Server: Robert Calvert

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

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook, Maggie Copp.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Kay Burgess, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson, Anthony & Chrissie Coulter.

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(Sat) Robert Sisson-Stretch

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels, Christchurch

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8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	Solemn Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé
Monday	Octavius Hadfield, Bishop
12.35 pm	Mass
6.00 pm	St Michael's Church School Carol Service
Tuesday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
Wednesday	Lucy, Martyr, Syracuse
12.00 pm	Meditation Group
12.35 pm	Mass
Thursday	Feria
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.35 pm	Mass
Friday	Feria
10.45 am	St Michael's Church School Prize giving
12.35 pm	Mass
Saturday	Marianne Williams, Missionary
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