

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 November 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

This week I am attending an event celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Canterbury hosted by the Rolleston family. In December 1850, the first wave of 750 settlers arrived at Lyttelton in a fleet of four ships and established what came to be known as the Canterbury Province. This event will acknowledge that milestone and the founding of the region. Of course, St Michael's will also be celebrating a similar milestone next year as we give thanks for 175 years of our church and school. You will see in the notices this week an event for school alumni in February next year. If you or anyone you know was involved with St Michael's Church school over the years, please do have a look and respond. The Church will also be hosting some celebrations with the school in 2026 for Founders Day and of course the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. We hope to send out some correspondence about these events before the end of the year.

We are coming very close to the end of the Church year. In fact, next Sunday, when we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, is also the 34th and last Sunday of the liturgical year. So, as usual at this time, the Church invites us to think about the final end of things. Our world, in which we spend so much time planning and securing our worldly future, is only temporary we are told. The plans we make must always be contingent and conditional and take our final destiny into account. In this Sunday's passage from Luke's Gospel, we find Jesus in the Temple at Jerusalem. It is quite near the end of his public life. It is here that Jesus speaks of the destruction of the temple. Jesus, of course, was absolutely right. As the result of a rebellion by the Jews against the Romans, Jerusalem was besieged and the city and Temple utterly destroyed.

The unthinkable had happened. And for many Jews, including Jews converted to Christianity, it must have seemed like the end of the world. The early writings of the Christian Testament are very much concerned with what they believed was the imminent end of the world and the return of Christ in judgement. They were wrong, as we know, and even before the Christian Testament was completed, its later books indicate that the end is not so soon. The emphasis shifted from expectation of an early return of Jesus, to focusing on how to fruitfully spend the time of waiting. As we gather for Eucharist this Sunday, we will reflect on these important but challenging words.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Jordan', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Jordan

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

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Organ: Paul Ellis

Sidespeople: Jane Ellis, Robert Maclagan

Organ: Sarabande in Modo Elegiaco

Herbert Howells

Mass Setting: A Festive Eucharist

Noel Rawsthorne

Introit Hymn: 452

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice;
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.

O for the living flame
From his own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our mind inspire,
And wing to heaven our thought!

Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear his holy Name,
And praise and magnify?

God is our strength and song,
And his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up, and bless his glorious name
Henceforth for evermore.

Greeting:

In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

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

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

In silence we call to mind our sins.

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

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

(Sung)

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

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

(Sung)

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

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

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

Let us pray.

God of inspiration, you caused all holy scriptures to be written for our instruction, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *(sit)*

Malachi 4:1-2a

Joshua Wilson Black

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 16

R. Preserve me O God: for in you I have taken refuge.

You Lord are my allotted portion and my cup: you yourself have cast my lot. I keep you always before me: you are on my right hand therefore I shall not fall. **R**

So my heart is glad and my soul rejoices: my body also shall rest in safety for you will not give me up to the power of death: nor suffer your beloved to see the Abyss. **R**

I have said to the Lord, "You are my God: from you alone comes all my prosperity. You will show me the path of life, in your presence is the fulness of joy: and from your right hand flow delights forever more". **R**

Second Reading: *(sit)*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Robert Maclagan

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord bless you

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

Sermon:

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven, *(all genuflect or bow)*
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became fully human. *(stand)***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection ☩ of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessions: Marla Hughes

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.**

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day
and the night,
Both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father,
and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou
only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

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 of majesty, may the offering We make in your sight obtain for us the grace of true service and win us the prize of everlasting happiness. We ask 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.

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.

Hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children, wherever they may be. Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy for ever the vision of your glory through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

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 i
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: Margaret MacLagan, Rachel Watson

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.**

It is good for me to cling to God, to put my hope in the Lord.

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:

For I went with the multitude

Peter Aston

Communion Hymn: 70

Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
That, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.

Let us pray.

Having shared in the gift of these sacred mysteries, we humbly pray, Lord God, that what your Son commanded us to do in remembrance of himself may strengthen among us the bonds of love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord 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.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

Organ Voluntary:

Imperial March

Edward Elgar

7.00 pm

Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, Terry & Betsy McKay.

Departed:

Jamie McDermott, Fr Wiremu Quedley

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

Anniversaries:

(Tues) Jan Brooking (Wed) John Fisher—Priest
(Thurs) Harold Knights—Priest
(Fri) Zona Ball, Jeff King

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Women's Group—Tuesday 10.30am, Parish Lounge. Speakers: Johann Williams and Jane Teal—Topic: The beginnings of our Parish. Contact: Barbara Moreton 021940890.

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

Bible Study—Thursday 11.00am, Parish Lounge.

Pray the Rosary—Thursday 12.00 noon.

Study Group—Thursday 6.00pm, Parish Lounge.

Pastoral Care Team Meeting - Friday 10.00am

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

175th Anniversary School Alumni Event 2026

The school is delighted to invite you to the first official event marking this milestone year.

A celebration to commence our anniversary year will be held at 9.30 am on Saturday, 21 February 2026, at St Michael's School. The morning will include school and church tours, led by our current pupils, followed by a morning tea in the school hall — a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with past pupils, colleagues, and friends. To help us with planning, could you please indicate your interest in attending this function by emailing stmichaels175@gmail.com.

We look forward to celebrating 175 years of St Michael's School with you and sharing in the memories, connections, and community spirit that make our school so special. Courtney Holmes, 175th School Committee.

NEXT WEEK**Christ the King****23 November 2025**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson	Server: Hugh Munro
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson	
Servers:	SD: Rachel Watson	MC: Michael Graveston
	Th: Robert Calvert-Griffin	Cr: Hugh Munro
	Ac: Callum Robertson, Maria Light	
First Reading:	Sue Shannons	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Second Reading:	Brenda Withell	Colossians 1:11-20
Gospel:	Fr Robert Jamieson	Luke 23:33-43
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Jenny Daniels	
Sides people:	Judith McKaskell, Vince Moreton	
Intercessions:	Jenny Daniels	
Offertory:	Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows	
Morning Tea:	Beth Robinson, Carol Fraser	
Sacristan:	Lawrence Watson	
Sacristy:	-	
Livestream:	Eyob Habte	
Flowers:	Johnann Williams	
Evensong Readers:	Taizé	
Evensong Server:	Taizé	

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday **The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—16 November 2025**

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

Monday	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 No Mass
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Tuesday	Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200
12.35 pm	Mass

Wednesday	Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess, 1231
12.00 noon	Meditation
12.35 pm	Mass

Thursday	Mechtild of Magdeburg, Mystic, Prophet, 1280
11.00 am	Bible Study
12.00 am	Pray the Rosary
12.35 pm	Mass
6.00 pm	Study Group

Friday	Feria
12.35 pm	Mass
2.00 pm	School Service

Saturday	Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230
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Next Sunday	Christ the King
8.00 am	Low Mass
10.00 am	High Mass
7.00 pm	Taizé

Online Services

Sunday	10.00 am	Solemn Mass
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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.