THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHRISTCHURCH



The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 September 2025

From the Vicar...

Dear friends,

Last weekend we gathered for our Diocesan Synod. There was much discussion on a variety of topics which we will detail in a Synod report at some point in the future. Synod is always an important reminder that we belong to a community of faith made up of a variety of opinions and perspectives. And even though we may disagree with each other we have a process in which healthy debate and disagreement can take place. In an increasingly polarised world, the church can model that our highest allegiance isn't politics or nation, but Christ our Lord, who is above all and in all. May that sense of unity continue to be part of our relating together as a community of faith.

You will see a large number of notices in the service sheet this week. We have a flurry of activity as we approach events such as Michaelmas. Do put the Feast of St Michael and All Angels into your diary. This is always a wonderful celebration with beautiful and inspiring worship as we give thanks for our patron St Michael and all the Angels who watch over us.

Our Gospel reading for this Sunday is Luke 15:1-10. Chapter 15 of Luke's gospel consists of three parables in which Luke champions the theme that God's mercy breaks through all human restrictions of how God should act toward sinners. God's mercy, indeed, is as foolish as a shepherd who abandons 99 sheep to save one, as a woman who turns her house upside down to recover a paltry sum, and not included in our reading this week the passage goes on to detail a Jewish father who joyfully welcomes home his wasteful son who has become a Gentile. Because the disciples have such a merciful God, they can embark trustingly and joyfully on Jesus' way to this God. As we gather for Eucharist this Sunday may we to know that we have a merciful and trustworthy God.

God Bless,

Father Jordan

Fr. Jadar

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 Robert Jamieson

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Organ: Paul Ellis

Piano: Colin Eason

Sidespeople: Judith McKaskell, Kathleen Campbell

Piano: Excerpt from the Goldberg Variations JS Bach

Mass Setting: Mass of St Cedd Peter Nardone

Introit Hymn: 148

The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,

And God of love:

To him uplift your voice, At whose supreme command From earth we rise and seek the joys

At his right hand.

Before the great Three-One They all exulting stand, And tell the wonders he has done

Throughout the land:

The listening spheres attend, And swell the growing fame, And sing in songs which never end

The wondrous name.

There dwells the Lord our King, The Lord our Righteousness, Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace:

On Sion's sacred height His kingdom he maintains,

And glorious with his saints in light

For ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high The great archangels sing, And 'Holy, holy, holy' cry

'Almighty King!'

Who was, and is the same, And evermore shall be: Eternal Father, great I AM,

We worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host Give thanks to God on high: 'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost'

They ever cry:

Hail, Abraham's God and mine! (I join the heavenly lays)

All might and majesty are thine,

And endless praise.

Greeting:

Ki te ingoa o te № Matua, me te Tamaiti, me te Wairua Tapu. Āmine. (In the name of the № Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)

The Lord be with you. The Lord bless you.

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

(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 (silence)

O God, direct our hearts by the action of your mercy, for without your help we cannot please you; through Jesus Christ who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

First Reading: (sit) Exodus 32:7-14 Thomas Visakan

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' "The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath: change your mind and do not bring disaster on

brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 51

R. Create in me a clean heart O God; and renew a right spirit within me

Have mercy on me O God in your great kindness. In the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences: wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin, create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **R**.

Do not cast me away from your presence, do not take your holy spirit from me; give me the joy of your help again, and strengthen me with a willing spirit, then I will teach transgressors your ways and sinners will turn to you again. **R**.

Second Reading: (sit) 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Robert Maclagan

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **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 15:1-10 Fr Robert Jamieson

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

Sermon: Fr Robert Jamieson

Affirmation of Faith:

(Stand)

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

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

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions: 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: Jenny and Peter Daniels

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: 271

Alleluya, sing to Jesus,
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluya, his the triumph,
His the victory alone:
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation,
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluya, he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels, Thou on earth our food, our stay; Alleluya, here the sinful Flee to thee from day to day; Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me, Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluya, born of Mary,
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim
In the Eucharistic Feast.

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 attentive to our prayers, O Lord, and receive with favour these gifts of your servants, that what each of us has offered to the glory of your name may advance the salvation of us all. We make our prayer 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 become for 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.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with Peter our Bishop, and all who minister in your name.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you.

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: Kua ākona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,

ka īnoi tatou:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

Amen.

and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

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 āianei

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātou hara, Me mātou hoki e muru nei

i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia; Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino: Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

me te korōria,

Āke ake ake. Āmine

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Fraser, Jane Evans

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

(Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Give peace, O Lord, to your faithful and vindicate your prophets. Hear the prayer of your servant, of Israel, your people.

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: Sweet sacrament divine Francis Stanfield

Young Voices: The Father's love Simon Lole

Let us pray (silence).

Almighty God, let the power of this sacrament take hold of us, body and soul, that our lives may be ruled not by our own will but by the working of your grace within us. We make our prayer 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.

Organ Voluntary: Hornpipe from the Water Music Suite GF Handel

7.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

Please pray for...

The Sick:

Fr Geoff Paterson, Graham Woolnough, Jamie McDermott, Terry & Betsy McKay.

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.

Departed: Bishop Brian Carrell, Max Perkins.

Anniversaries: (Sun) Don Binney (Mon) Terence Turner, Margaret Wallace

(Tues) Cecil Gault—Priest (Wed) Pamela Dennis

(Fri) Ian Reynolds—Priest

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

Women's Fellowship—Tuesday 10.30am, Parish Lounge. 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.

Pastoral Care 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 warm hats and gloves.

Bora Spraying - Help needed

The church is due to be sprayed for bora on Monday 15 September. Following the 10am Mass today (14 September) we need some volunteers to help us move out items of the church in preparation for the treatment This includes hymnals, cushions etc. Please gather by the piano side of the church if you are able to assist. Some items will be left for Evensong in the evening.

No 12.35pm Mass Tuesday 16 September

Due to the bora treatment in the church, there will be no 12.25pm Mass on Tuesday 16 September. The 12.25pm Mass will take place on Wednesday and the rest of the week.

Michaelmas Celebration

Please join us for High Mass on Monday 29 September at 7.00 pm for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels. Please bring a plate for a shared supper after the Mass.

Working Bee 'Spring Clean' for Michaelmas

Every year in preparation for our Michaelmas celebrations we have a spring clean of the church and grounds. This will be taking place on Saturday 27 September 10am-12pm. All are welcome. Tools will be provided.

Donations for flowers for Michaelmas

We are looking for donations towards flowers for Michaelmas. These can be left in a marked envelope in the offertory or via bank deposit with a reference of 'Michaelmas Flowers'.

Old Choir Door

The door on the choir side of the church has now been replaced. The old door is currently being stored by the organ. We are offering the old door to anyone who might be able to put it to use. Koha (donation) welcome. Please talk to Fr Jordan.

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

NEXT WEEK The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 September 2025

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Server: Eyob Habte

10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson
Preacher: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Servers: SD: Jenny Daniels MC: Robert Calvert-Griffin

Th: Sung Bae Cr: Hugh Munro Ac: Maria Light, Georgia Caughey

First Reading: Jenny Daniels Amos 8:4-7 **Second Reading:** Sue Shannons 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Fr Jordan Greatbatch Luke 16:1-13

Eucharist Ministers: Jenny Daniels, Gloria Moyle **Sides people:** Joy Coulter, Vince Moreton

Intercessions: Marla Hughes

Offertory: Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson
Morning Tea: Jane Ellis, Brian Gilberthorpe

Sacristan: Eyob Habte
Sacristy: Jenny Daniels

Livestream: Joshua Wilson Black

Flowers: Sue Shannons

Evensong Readers: Ros Calvert, Therese Aitchison

Evensong Server: Joshua Wilson Black

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8.00 am Low Mass 10.00 am High Mass

7.00 pm **Evensong and Benediction**

Monday No Mass

Tuesday No Mass

Wednesday Hildegarde of Bingen, Mystic, Religious, 1179

12.00 noon Meditation

12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria

11.00 am Bible Study12.00 am Pray the Rosary

12.35 pm Mass

Friday Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

12.35 pm Mass

2.00 pm School Service

Saturday John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, Martyr, 1871

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass