

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus Christ
4 January 2026

No letter from the Vicar this week.

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Celebrant 8.00 am: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Peter Williams

Organ: Paul Ellis

Cantor: Richard Peters

Sidespeople: Jane Ellis, Judith McKaskell

Organ: Nun sei willkommen, Jesus, Leiber Herr Flor Peeters

Mass Setting: A New Peoples' Mass Dom Gregory Murray

Introit Hymn: 52

O worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness!

Bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;

With gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,

Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy

burden of carefulness,

High on his heart

he will bear it for thee,

Comfort thy sorrows,

and answer thy prayerfulness,

Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts
in the slenderness

Of the poor wealth thou
wouldst reckon as thine:

Truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,

These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them

in trembling and fearfulness,

He will accept for the name that is dear;

Mornings of joy give for evenings

of tearfulness,

Trust for our trembling

and hope for our fear.

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beauty of holiness!

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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.**

**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.**

**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

O God, by the leading of a star, on this day you revealed your only begotten one to the gentiles, lead us, who have already come to know you by faith, all the way to the contemplation of the beauty of your glory, 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)

Isaiah 60: 1–6

Brenda Withell

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 72**R. May all kings fall prostrate before him, and all nations render him service.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son, that he may judge your people rightly and uphold the poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon is no more. May his rule extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. **R.**

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba bring their gifts. May all kings fall prostrate before him, and all nations render him service. **R.**

He shall deliver the needy when they cry and the poor who have no helper. He shall have pity on the weak and the needy and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit) Ephesians 3: 1–12

Kate Churchill

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit, and the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Of this Gospel I have become a servant, according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the Church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Gospel Acclamation: (*stand*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

The Lord bless you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Praise and Glory to God

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

Fr Jordan Greatbatch

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.

"When King Herod heard this he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him: In Bethlehem of Judæa; for so it has been written by the prophet, 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

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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. (*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: Jenny Daniels

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: Mary Stevenson, Jane Evans

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: 47

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

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.**

Lord, accept the gifts of your Church, which offers you today not gold, frankincense, and myrrh, but the one who in these gifts is proclaimed, offered and received, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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.

For today you have revealed the mystery
of our salvation in Christ
as a light for the nations,
and, when he appeared in our mortal nature,
you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.

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: Margaret Maclagan, Gloria Moyle

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.

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to worship 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.**

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion, leave your seat by the side aisle and come down the central aisle. To receive the Sacrament please cup your hands and the Priest will place it on your palm. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask.

Communion Solo: From the Eastern mountains

Communion Hymn: 48

Bethlehem, of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.

By its lambent beauty guided
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.

Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.

Let us pray (*silence*).

Guide us always and everywhere, Lord, by your light from on high, that we may discern with clear minds and treasure with deep affection the mystery you have given us to share. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing:

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

May Christ's star in heaven bring you to humility and worship, bring you to look upon God at work, 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.

O Christ the same
 through all our story's pages,
 Our loves and hopes,
 Our failures and our fears;
 Eternal Lord, the King of all the ages,
 Unchanging still, amid the passing years:
 O living Word, the source of all creation,
 Who spread the skies,
 and set the stars ablaze,
 O Christ the same,
 Who wrought man's whole salvation,
 We bring our thanks
 for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same,
 the friend of sinners, sharing
 Our inmost thoughts,
 the secrets none can hide,
 Still as of old upon your body bearing
 The marks of love in triumph glorified:
 O son of Man,
 who stooped for us from heaven,
 O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
 O Christ the same,
 To whom our hearts are given,
 We bring our thanks
 for this the present hour.

O Christ the same,
 Secure within whose keeping
 Our lives and loves,
 our days and years remain,
 Our work and rest,
 Our waking and our sleeping,
 Our calm and storm,
 Our pleasure and our pain:
 O Lord of love,
 For all our joys and sorrows,
 For all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee
 O Christ the same, for all our brief tomorrows,
 We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Organ Voluntary:

Uns ist geboren ein Kindelein

Flor Peeters

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

Fr Geoff Paterson, Jo Burnside, Ann Jinman, 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.

Anniversaries:

(Sun) Henry Williams—Priest, John Vine, Mary Lazarus

(Wed) Florence Larkin

(Thurs) Charles Perry—Priest, Doris Gault, Audrey Graham

(Sat) Richard Graveston, Dawn McGlinchy

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

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

Parish Office reopens on 13 Jan 2025.

ENROLLMENT FORMS- If you are new to St Michael's and would like to be added to the Parish roll, there are enrollment forms at the back of the church. Please speak to Father Jordan or the People's Warden, Gloria Moyle, for further information.

OFFICE LEAVE DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to inform you about our office closure and arrangements for support during this period.

The Parish office will close at 1.30 pm **Friday 19 December 2025** and will re-open on **Monday, 12 January 2026**. Please call either the Vicar or Wardens if you need immediate assistance over this period. For non-urgent matters, support will resume when the office reopens on **12 January**.

Fr Robert will be on leave from **27 December 2025**, returning to the office on **Tuesday 13 January 2026**.

Fr Jordan will be on leave from **12 January 2026**, returning to the office on **Tuesday 17 February 2026**.

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 Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ****11 January 2026**

8:00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Peter Williams	Server: Eyob Habte
10.00 am Mass	Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch	
	Preacher: Fr Peter Williams	
Servers:	SD: Rachel Watson	MC: Thomas Visakan
	Th: Sung Bae	Cr: Georgia Caughey
	Ac: Jack Barrie, Lawrence Watson	
First Reading:	Margaret Maclagan	Isaiah 42:1-9
Second Reading:	Thomas Visakan	Acts 10:34-43
Gospel:	Fr Peter Williams	Matthew 3:3-17
Eucharist Ministers:	Rachel Watson, Richard Thompson	
Sides people:	Kathleen Campbell, Robert Maclagan	
Intercessions:	Barbara Moreton	
Offertory:	Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows	
Morning Tea:	Jane Ellis, Octavia Hodge-Armstrong	
Sacristan:	Lawrence Watson	
Sacristy:	Jenny Daniels	
Livestream:	Jane Evans	
Flowers:	Toni Stewart	
Evensong Readers:	No Evensong until 2 February 2025	
Evensong Server:	No Evensong until 2 February 2025	

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8.00 am
10.00 am

The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ—4 January 2026

Low Mass
High Mass

Monday

12.35 pm

Feria
Mass

Tuesday

12.35 pm

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Wednesday

12.00 noon
12.35 pm

Feria
Meditation
Mass

Thursday

12.35 pm

Feria
Mass

Friday

12.35 pm

Feria
Mass

Saturday

Feria

Next Sunday

8.00 am
10.00 am

The Baptism of the Lord - 11 January 2026

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High Mass

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Sunday

10.00 am Solemn Mass