

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
CHRISTCHURCH



**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 January 2026**

Letter from Fr Robert Jamieson

Dear friends,

As I write this letter, a small team has gathered at St Michael and All Angels to ring our church bell, marking our 175th anniversary. As the bells ring out across the city at 12 noon, it is a beautiful reminder of God's presence with us in everyday life.

On this third Sunday of Epiphany, we continue to rejoice in the light that has dawned upon the world through Jesus Christ. Epiphany is a season of divine unveiling, when God's glory is revealed not in distant splendour but in the ordinary places of human life.

Isaiah proclaims that those who walked in darkness have seen a great light, and the Church affirms that this promise is fulfilled in Christ. The Gospel places this light in Galilee, a region on the margins, where Jesus begins his ministry of preaching, healing, and calling. He walks by the sea, speaks a simple word, and lives are transformed. Follow me, he says, and fishermen become disciples — not by leaving the world behind but by seeing it anew.

Epiphany reminds us that Christ still enters our daily routines and calls us to participate in his work of mending what is broken and proclaiming the nearness of God's kingdom.

Saint Paul, writing to the Corinthians, guides us inward. The light of Christ reveals not only the darkness of the world but also our own divisions. He calls the Church to be united in mind and purpose, centred on the Cross of Christ; what the world may regard as foolishness is, for us, the very wisdom and power of God, a love strong enough to reconcile and renew.

As we gather today, may we receive the light of Christ once more and carry it with joy into our homes, our parish, and our neighbourhood. In word and sacrament, in service and in peace, may our life together reflect the Epiphany truth that God's light shines, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Peace be with you —

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FR. ROBERT". The "FR." is on the first line, and "ROBERT" is on the second line, with a flourish at the end.

Fr Robert

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 Peter Beck

Celebrant 10.00 am: Fr Robert Jamieson

Organ: Paul Ellis

Chamber Choir: Keryn Ward, Derek Ward, Craig Knowles, Matthew Harris, Margot Holcroft

Sidespeople: Carol Fraser, Maria Light

Organ: Antiphons on Plainsong Hymns Thomas Talis

Mass Setting: Mass for four voices William Byrd

Introit Hymn: 408

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and 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 by the Choir)

Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, 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 by the Choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus,
Rex cælestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis;
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram;
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus,
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe,
Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Let us pray.

Ever-living God, guide all we do by your loving will, so that in the name of your beloved Son our lives may be rich in good works, 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 9:1-4

Gloria Moyle

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Responsorial Psalm: 67

R. Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

Be gracious to us, O God, and bless us, and make the light of your face to shine upon us, that your ways may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples righteously, and guide the nations on earth.

R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. Your blessing, O God, be upon us, and let all the ends of the world revere you. **R.**

Second Reading: (sit)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Maria Light

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptised in my name. I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation: (stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. **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 4:12-23

Fr Peter Beck

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

Sermon: Fr Peter Beck

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

Intercessions: Kate Churchill

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.**

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.

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.**

In your kindness, Lord, accept our gifts and make them holy, that they may become the sacrament of our salvation. 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.....

(Sung by Choir)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

In nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

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 āianei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ū mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ū 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, Gail Chiswell

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.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Say to the faint of heart: be strong and do not fear, our God will come to save us.

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.

Motet: Sicut cervus Giovanni Puerliugi da Palestrina

Communion Hymn: 358

Father of heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy pardoning love extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

Let us pray.

Grant, all-powerful God, that we who receive in this eucharist your life-giving grace
may always delight in your blessings. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, the 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.

Thy kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thy iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

When comes the promised time
That war shall be no more,
And lust, oppression, crime,
Shall flee thy face before?

We pray thee Lord, arise,
And come in thy great might;
Revive our longing eyes,
Which languish for thy sight.

O'er lands both near and far
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning Star,
Arise, and never set.

Organ Voluntary:

The Lord is my light (from Chandos Anthem 9) GF Handel

Arr. CS Lang

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: (Mon) Vi Holmes (Tues) Judy Matthews

(Wed) Laurence Rickard, John Oakley, Joy Green

(Sat) Peter McKaskell, John Patterson

NOTICES

THIS WEEK

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

Vestry Meeting—Wednesday 5.30 pm, Parish Lounge.

Parish Lunch—Sunday 1 February 12.00 noon. RSVP to Ros 0272428282 by Wednesday 28 January.

Inasmuch Basket—please continue to donate staple household groceries to support the work of the **City Mission**.

Volunteering at St Michael's

As we start a new year, we would like to encourage anyone who is interested in being involved at St Michael's. This includes roles such as reading and intercessions, morning tea, serving at Mass, sidespeople. If you could offer some time and fill a role, please contact Fr Jordan or one of the wardens.

In the Spirit of Lent— Year A - Lent Study 2026

In the Spirit of Lent—Year A is the second in the Theology House series of Lent studies that follow the Lectionary's Gospel readings for the six weeks of Lent. (Ash Wednesday is 18 February 2026.) For each week there is a written reflection by Theology House director Gareth Bezett and a visual reflection by the Reverend Sarah West from the Diocese of Auckland. Study begins Thursday 19 February. Fr Robert will be running a group at 11am and Fr Jordan at 6pm. Please let Fr Robert know if you will be attending and which group so that we can order copies of the study.

Baptisms at the Easter Vigil

If you or anyone you know is interested in Baptism, there will be an opportunity at the Easter Vigil this year for baptisms (Saturday evening 4 April.) Fr Jordan will be running baptism preparation during Lent for any candidates. Please contact Fr Jordan if you are interested.

NEXT WEEK**Candlemas****1 February 2026**

8:00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Robert Jamieson Server: Hugh Munro
10.00 am Mass Celebrant: Fr Peter Beck
 Preacher: Fr Robert Jamieson
Servers: SD: Carol Fraser MC: Robert Calvert-Griffin
 Th: Sung Bae Cr: Lawrence Watson
 Ac: Maria Light, Thomas Visakan
First Reading: Marla Hughes Malachi 3:1-4
Second Reading: Barbara Moreton Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Fr Robert Jamieson Luke 2:22-40
Eucharist Ministers: Carol Fraser, Rachel Watson
Sides people: Toni Stewart, Vince Moreton
Intercessions: Johann Williams
Offertory: Adrienne Curtis, Dorothy Burrows
Morning Tea: Joy Coulter, Pat Pilkington
Sacristan: Lawrence Watson
Sacristy: -
Livestream: Kathleen Campbell
Flowers: Toni Stewart
Evensong Readers: Sue Patterson, Johann Williams
Evensong Server: Robert Calvert-Griffin

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The Anglican Parish of St Michael and All Angels Christchurch

This Sunday The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time—25 January 2026

8.00 am Low Mass
10.00 am High Mass

Monday Timothy and Titus, Companions of St Paul
No Mass

Tuesday John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
12.35 pm Mass

Wednesday Thomas Aquinas, Teacher of the Faith, 1274
School Term Starts at St Michael's Church School
12.00 noon Meditation Group
12.35 pm Mass

Thursday Feria
12.35 pm Mass

Friday King Charles of England, 1649
12.35 pm Mass

Saturday Feria

Next Sunday Candlemas—1 February 2026

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

Online Services

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Sunday 10.00 am Solemn Mass

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.