

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,



**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**29 January 2023**

## Letter from Fr Peter Beck

Dear Parish Family  
Kia Ora e Te Whanau

'What does the Lord require of you' says the Prophet Micah, 'but to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' And Jesus says 'love one another as I have loved you'

These statements demonstrate the 'foolishness' of God' as opposed to the 'wisdom' of the world, the focus of our readings for this Sunday. Welcome to mass today!

The wisdom of our world is riven with conflict and violence, driven by fear and anxiety, the desire to possess and control for fear of losing our very selves! And so the world loses touch with the heart of things, with who we truly are as part of a human family which bridges the bounds of race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, and which we all know longs for the sort of peace that Micah speaks of. It is a world, as he puts it, where each person may sit as it were under their own fig tree and no one need be afraid.

So what can we do, in the face of all these intractable human dilemmas? Those of us at worship today know what we can do! We can respect the very deep longing that is within each one of us for a way that is better than the ways of war and death. We can hold on to a vision of the world as God would have it be, clearly expressed in our readings for this Sunday.

We can continue to seek to be the person God has created us to be, to seek to understand and know others, to build bridges of understanding, to be aware of our prejudices and be open to the new. We can be *just*... where we are. We can be *just* ... who we are. We can be an inspiration to all those around us when we recognise and give up our need to possess people and things, and set ourselves free simply to be. And we will discover, painful as it is in this life-long journey of self-revelation and awareness, that we are made from love and for love, unconditional and free, and by being *just* who and where we are, we will be instruments of God's peace.

At mass today we are offered the wisdom and the power of God to strengthen us in our journey into life. It is a pleasure to welcome Imogen de la Bere as our preacher.

Blessings  
Fr Peter Beck



### 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.

### Parish Covid Practices

- Mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use, and you are encouraged to use it - especially as you come to Communion.
- In greeting one another nearby at The Peace, please be conscious that some people may not wish to touch other people (even with a handshake).
- You may receive Communion in one kind only (Consecrated Bread). You may come up for a Blessing (hold your hands crossed across your chest, rather than held out to receive the Bread). You may receive in both kinds (Consecrated Bread and Wine, by drinking or intinction).

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**Celebrant 8.00 am:** Fr Peter Beck

**Celebrant 10.00 am:** Fr Peter Beck

**Organ:** Paul Ellis

**Cantors:** Derek and Keryn Ward

**Mass Setting:** Missa Orbis Factot

Plainsong

**Gloria:** Mass of S. Cedd

Peter Nardone

**Organ Voluntary:** Prelude, Fugue and Variation

César Franck

**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:**

I runga i te Ingoa ✠ o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu. **Āmine.**  
(In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)  
Grace and peace to you from God. **God fill you with truth and joy.**

*The people are invited to call to mind their 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.**

Teach us, Jesus, how to live and worship without being worldly or greedy. Drive from our lives what spoils them and make us temples of the Spirit; for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

**First Reading:** *(sit)* Micah 6: 1-8 Jenny Daniels

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened on Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** 15

**R. The Lord who made heaven and earth: give you blessing out of Zion.**

1. Lord who may be a guest in your house: or who may dwell on your holy mountain? One who leads a blameless life who does what is right, and speaks truthfully from the heart. **R.**
2. Whose tongue is free from malice, who never wrongs a friend: and utters no reproach against a neighbour, who does not honour the unworthy: but makes much of those who fear the Lord. **R.**
3. Such stand by their promise given: though it be to their own hurt. Those who do these things: shall never be overthrown. **R.**

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 1: 18-end

Ann Jinman

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. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

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**Gospel Acclamation:** (*stand*)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my faith, of whom then shall I be afraid?

**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 5: 1-12

Simon Green

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Sermon:

Imogen de la Bere

**Affirmation of Faith:**

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human (*all genuflect or bow*). 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 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:**

Gail Chiswell, Sue Shannons

## The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share  
in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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: 258

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 our  
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, beyond our brief tomorrows,  
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Pray, sisters and brothers,  
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty One.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Christ who is the power of God and the wisdom of God, in this sacrament inspire us to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. **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.**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your only Son.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. You sent your Son to be the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church.

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:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness.

Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks, He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body which will be given up for you.

When the supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it;

this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of 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, worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Silence*

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.**

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rachel Watson and 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.

Let the one who boasts, boast 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.*

**Cantors:** Die Armut, so Gott auf sich nimmt from Cantata BWV91 JS Bach

Die Armut, so Gott auf sich nimmt,  
Hat uns ein ewig Heil bestimmt,  
Den Überfluß an Himmelsschätzen.  
Sein menschlich Wesen machet euch  
Den Engesherrlichkeiten gleich,  
Euch zu der Engel Chor zu setzen.

The poverty that God takes upon Himself,  
has destined an eternal salvation for us,  
an abundance of heavenly treasures.  
His mortal being makes you  
like the glory of the angels,  
placing you among the angel choirs.

**Prayer after Communion:**

Faithful God, as we are nourished by heavenly food, may we be strengthened for our mission in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Notices**

**Blessing:** *The Priest gives the blessing.*

The Mass is ended. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

**Final Hymn:** 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.

**Organ Voluntary:** Chorale Number 1

César Franck

Tira Tūhāhā Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa who provide religious and spiritual support services to all New Zealand prisons is seeking additional "Church Groups" to provide the opportunity for those at Rolleston Prison to participate in a weekly church service. What is required is a commitment to be present at Rolleston Prison once a month on a Sunday afternoon (currently service times are 3-4pm) where the group will lead and participate in a short service within one of the units. The aim is to form a group from S. Michael and All Angels this year. For more information or questions contact Simon Green on 027 6421987.

**THIS WEEK****NOTICES**

**Weekday 12.35pm Services commence daily from tomorrow, Monday 30 January. Evensong and Benediction Services commence, Sunday 5 February.**  
**Inasmuch Basket**—please continue to support the work of the City Mission.

**FROM THE WARDENS**

**Vergers Required**—we are in need of new Vergers for weddings and events. This is a paid position. Please contact the either Jane Evans or Michael Graveston for information.

**NEXT WEEK****Candlemas**

5 February 2023

<b>8:00 am</b> Mass	<b>Celebrant:</b>	Fr. Peter Williams
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<b>Servers: SD:</b> Jenny Daniels	<b>MC:</b> Jack Barrie	<b>Th:</b> Joshua Wilson Black
<b>Cr:</b> Robert Calvert	<b>Ac:</b> Georgia Caughey, Thomas Visakan	
<b>First Reading:</b> Malachi 3: 1-4		Robert Maclagan
<b>Second Reading:</b> Hebrews 2: 14-18		Joshua Wilson Black
<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2: 22-40		
<b>Sermon:</b> Fr. Peter Williams		
<b>Eucharist Ministers:</b> Jenny Daniels, Simon Green		
<b>Sides people:</b> Tim Cranston, Carol Fraser		
<b>Intercessions:</b> Barbara Moreton		
<b>Offertory:</b> Brenda Withell, Mary Stevenson		
<b>Morning Tea:</b> Vince Moreton, Pat Pilkington		
<b>Sacristan:</b> Simon Green		
<b>Sacristy:</b>		
<b>Flowers:</b> Johann Williams		

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

Alastair Scott, Rita Libeau, John Preston, Lois Peters, Denis Coulter, Betty Mechen, Suzanne Keys, Ghislaine Brewer-Quirke, Bert Riseley, Shirley Kember, Clemency Mutze, Margaret Weaver, Lesta Smithson, Peter Easterbrook.

Sr Annette, Anne Fenton, Oscar Bisman, Fi-Bee, Kay Burgess, Magda Burney, David & Sandra, Philip Souter, Ongloon Yee, Raylene Coochey, Deb Smith, Andrew Lawson.

**Anniversaries:** (Tues) Peter McKaskell (Wed) Kathleen Scott (Thurs) Pauline Stewart (Fri) Ted Waters (Sat) Sydney Slatter.

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# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, CHRISTCHURCH

<b>This Sunday</b>	The Fourth Sunday in Epiphany
8:00 am	Low Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
<b>Monday</b>	King Charles of England, 1649
12:35 pm	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	Feria
12:35 pm	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	Brigid of Ireland, Abbess, c.525
12:35 pm	Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)
12:35 pm	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary, 865
12:35 pm	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	Feria
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10:00 am	Solemn Mass
7:00 pm	Evensong and Benediction

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