



Sunday 15 February 2026

**For Love of Bethlehem,
For Fear of Jerusalem**

Just when we were beginning
to enjoy the play,
the stagehands come out
and dismantle the manger.
From its wood
they built a cross.

What kind of drama is this anyway?

The happy ending wasn't
an ending after all,
but just act I.

Before the play is over,
most of the audience has left,
but the Director goes on,
content with the remnant
to whom is promised
a smashing finale.

Shall we, too, go home early –
before we get struck in the traffic?
We can always read
what the critics have to say,
and if it's really good,
we can be assured
it will be repeated.

-Ann Weems

CHURCH SERVICE TODAY

Service Leader: Jas

Preacher: Jas

YouTube Link: <https://youtube.com/live/j7CKR795PrM?feature=share>

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER: 9.45am in Barrett Room

READINGS:

1 Corinthians 14:6-8

1 Corinthians 14:9-12

The Worship Hymns and Songs:

Speak O Lord

Prayer of St Francis

A New Commandment

Love Divine

Now Thank We Call Our God

CELEBRATIONS:

Birthdays: *Alan McIntosh, Margaret Vallance*

Wedding Anniversaries: none this week

May The Lord bless you and keep you well 😊

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 16 February: Acts 7:30-34

Tue 17 February: Romans 11:1-6

Wed 18 February: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thu 19 February: Romans 1:1-7

Fri 20 February: Romans 1:8-17

Sat 21 February: Matthew 18:1-7

Sun 22 February: Matthew 4:1-11

NOTICES:

Funeral for Melva Kemp: With Sadness we mourn the loss of Melva who passed away on Wednesday Afternoon. A Service to remember Melva will be held at the Wai-mana Chapel on Saturday, 21st of February at 2.30pm. Jas

Wednesday 18th February: Pastoral Care, Reflection Room, Charles Upham, 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday service, 6pm

Wednesday 18th February: Parish council, 7pm

Hard Knox Cafe: Seeking a Co-coordinator for 2026 to help manage and run HKC, a safe and fun ministry for Year 8–13 youth. If you can help coordinate events and assist one evening a fortnight, please come chat with me — I'd love to hear from you

Season of Prayer and Fasting: Begins this Sunday. Pick up a guide from the Stewart Lounge on Sunday or during the week, and keep it with you or in your Bible to support and inspire your prayer and mission over the next three weeks

Prayer for our family and friends:

Sandra McPherson, Max Atkins & Averill Gibson, Judith Sprigg, Jean Jeffrey, Janice and Ross Wilson, Donna Abernethy, Clare Calder, Mary Stewart and Ian Cormack.

CHURCH DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 2026

15 February

Elder Duty: Alon Mayhew	Door Duty: Margaret Hamilton and Chris Scotton
Power Point: Aimee-Cherie	Mini Bus: Lana / Vincent
Morning Tea: Maureen Landreth & Anne Moffat	Offering Count: Tracey Mayhew & Annette
Readings: Juliette	Heroes Leader: TBC
Prayers: Gaye	Fun with Music: Mary Blaikie

22 February

Elder Duty: Kayla Crampton	Door Duty: Marlene Hawke and Joan Shearer
Power Point: Tracy Mayhew	Mini Bus: Grenville / Joan
Morning Tea: Lyn O'Malley and Moira Courtney	Offering Count: Tracy/Alan Mcl
Readings: Eric	Heroes Leader: TBC
Prayers: Ewen	Fun with Music: Margaret Hamilton, Lyn O'Malley

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