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Dear Rob

I hereby accept the position as Rector of the Provisional Parish of St Michael's, Surry Hills.

The history of this church and the ministry currently being undertaken is evidence of God's abounding grace. Over the past 161 years, He has ensured that the offer of *Christian Hope for Every Resident In Surry Hills* has continued.

I have given thanks to God as I've met with many of the members and leaders at St Michael's — for their work produced by faith, their labor prompted by love, and their endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. I look forward to meeting with them soon and joining them in their mission to reach our city.

Additionally, I praise God for the faithful leadership over the past 15 years of Francis Chalwell — a man whose compassion and love has set a high bar for me to aspire to.

I recognise the dignity and seriousness of the office to which I have been called. That is, to be a messenger, watchmen, and steward of the Lord; to teach and forewarn, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep who are scattered abroad, and for his children who are surrounded by temptation in this world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.

My prayer is that, in bringing together the many and varied resources of St Michael's and Vine Church, we would see more and more people introduced to treasuring God; welcomed into His family; growing to maturity as followers of Jesus; equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve others; and sent out to share the message of grace with the world. I pray for such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that as the gospel is proclaimed and obeyed by God's people, we would see thousands of sinners repent and turn to our Great Saviour.

I am fully confident that the God who has gone before me, will sustain and equip me for the opportunities that lie ahead.

For the fame of Christ,



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