

**A little something for you to find**

There are 22 letters to find three words.

Last weeks words were: Benedict,  
Grain, Sower

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**dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

**Today's hard quiz.**

Jehu son of Nimshi had a reputation for..

1. Being a wine bibber
2. A womaniser
3. Driving really fast
4. Negotiating with the leaders.

**Today's easy quiz**

The disciple who stayed at the foot of the cross with Mother Mary was...

1. Peter
2. John
3. James

The answer from last weeks quiz was

- Hard quiz    3. Antioch  
Easy quiz    2. Chasuble

**Great news!** Glenthompson are having a little vestry meeting on Wednesday 5th of August at 7:00pm

**Saint of the week.****Mary Magdalene  
July 22nd**

Mary Magdalene, was a **Jewish** woman who, according to the four **gospels**, traveled with **Jesus** as one of his followers and was a witness to **his**

**crucifixion** and its aftermath.

Mary's **epithet** *Magdalene* may mean that she came from the town of **Magdala**, a fishing town on the western shore of the **Sea of Galilee**.

The **Gospel of Luke 8:2-3** lists Mary Magdalene as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy. In all four gospels, Mary Magdalene is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and she is also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus's mother, as the first to witness the **empty tomb**, and the first to witness Jesus's resurrection.

**We are now having weekly services for up to 20 people at Christ Church Hamilton.**

That's great!!... what else do I need to know??

In order to 'book' one of these highly desirable places, please contact Fr. David no later than the day before you wish to attend.

Ph. (03) 5571 1317 M / Text 0423 671 692

Email [droulton72@gmail.com](mailto:droulton72@gmail.com)

We need to keep your details in order to comply with government regulations.

If you aren't feeling well, it is best that you wait a while before attending.

**O.K... So when are these services being held?**

Morning Prayer 7:15am Tuesday - Saturday

Evening Prayer 5:00pm Tuesday - Friday

Eucharist 10:00am Wednesday

"If there are a total of four or less people, we will use the Lady Chapel".

**Saturday** - 5.00pm Vigil Eucharist Christ Church Hamilton

**Sunday Services 26th July**

Sunday masses will have a maximum of 20 people. Please contact Fr. David via the aforementioned ways, no later than the day before you wish to attend.

9.00am Holy Eucharist St Peter's  
Glenthompson

10.30am Holy Eucharist Christ Church  
Hamilton

4.00pm Holy Eucharist All Saints'  
Penshurst

26th July 2020	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost	Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-39	Psalm 105.1-11 Matthew 13.44-58	e
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# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### 19th July 2020

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*Sentence: Psalm 86.15*

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Collect:*

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**The 10:30AM service at Christ Church Hamilton is lived streamed.  
If you have privacy concerns please get in touch with Fr. David**

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If you would like to give to the parish by the direct debit option, the parish bank details are as follows:- NAB. BSB:083-663 the account No.: 51580-7866.

Even if you miss coming you are still giving.

This also helps with budgeting for our future.

Christ Church Hamilton			
<b>St Mary's Dunkleld</b>	<b>St Peter's Glenthompson</b>	<b>St Mark's Cavendish</b>	<b>All Saints' Penshurst</b>

*1st Reading:* Genesis 28.10-19a

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' <sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear the word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

*Psalms 139.1-11, 23-24*

- O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**
- For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.**
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

- 6. Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?**
- If I ascend into heaven you are there: if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
- 8. If I spread out my wings towards the morning: or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- Even there your hand shall lead me: and your right hand shall hold me.
- 10. If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me: and the night will enclose me',**
- The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike.
- 23. Search me out, O God, and know my heart: put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**
- Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

*2nd Reading:* Romans 8.12-25

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation,

## Of our AGM -Sunday September 27th at 11.30am

You would be painfully aware that we can only have 20 people inside for Church gatherings. This means that at the moment our Parish AGM will be limited to 20 people. We really hope that this will change in time and everyone can come. (Hoorah)  
In order to allow ample time for the possibility of election and for the forms to go back and forth, the AGM has been set for September 27th.

If you would like to nominate a People's Warden please use the yellow form.

If you would like to nominate a parish councillor please use a blue form.

If you are over 18 and have received communion more than 3 times in the last year you need to fill out a white form affectionately known as schedule A.

Nomination forms and any items for general business need to be in by the end of August. *(An item for general business might look like this. This Annual meeting congratulates the work of the organists in our parish and assures them of support and prayers into the future". moved .... 2nded ...)*

Got a question. Please see that local friendly priestly guy Fr. David.

## Of Parish Council - Thursday 30th of July 5:30pm

Please pass all agenda items and reports to the Secretary by 5pm 27 July 2020.

In accordance with the current restrictions we will comply with the 4m2 rule. This may mean that the meeting will be held in the main hall instead of the meeting room to allow us to meet the 4m2 rule requirements.

Each Councillor who plans to attend the meeting will be required to pre-register with the Secretary by 5pm Wednesday 29 July 2020.

If you have a report to present, please send it to the Secretary by email as a Word document so that it may be distributed to all members prior to the meeting. Reports not received by the due time/date will not be presented at the meeting. This is to comply with the direction that face-to-face meetings are to be kept as

short a time as possible. Relevant correspondence will also be distributed prior to the meeting. Written reports and correspondence will be accepted at the meeting *as read*.

## Thought for the Week from Mothers' Union Australia

Building resilient lives

Resilience bends, resists, lies down, won't lie down. It is a complex art and requires some measure of maturity and may even be a gift of personality. It comes to some and not others. One doesn't need to have been at the Battle of the Somme to know whether you have or not. Jesus said, 'Take up your Cross and follow me'. Your Cross may be staying at home or not getting that prize job and still feeling worthwhile. We grow resilient Christians by ourselves being cheerful, faithful, hopeful and loving no matter who we may think doesn't deserve it. Let us regard (as the ancient Hebrews did) wealth in terms of the necessities of life earned by the strength of your body through the generosity of God. Just having wealth and not the gratitude may indeed lessen your resilience/power. But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. Deuteronomy 8:18 Survivors of gender-based violence have indeed learnt resilience. Support of survivors is another area of work in Zone A. We give thanks for the members who bring Christ's love to those suffering in silence, bearing social stigma and in need of shelter. May their resilience bring survivors peace.

## A little update on Christchurch roof

Fr. David has been in touch with John Murnane the roof contractor guru. Alas, some of his workers live in the hotspots of Melbourne... (you know where this is going right?), so nothing much is happening at this point in time. We march on friends... we march on!

## Today's homily... Of Jacob's ladder

Today I thought I would do something a little bit different and preach not on the gospel, but on the first lesson. The story of Jacob's ladder. Here's the go.

Jacob is on a journey of 500 miles to say Howdy to his uncle in Haran. This is where he plans to meet his wives. But God says "PHooe! I have a different plan and journey in mind for you Jacob. Let me show you.

In a dream Jacob sees a ladder standing upon the earth, and the top of it is touching heaven: The angels of God are going up and down on this ladder; The Lord introduces himself to Jacob and makes him a promise.

"I am the Lord God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac; the land, where you are snoozing, I will give to you and to your descendants."

When Jacob wakes up he exclaims that he was unaware of God's presence in this place. Further, He takes the stone that he had been using as a pillow, pours oil on it, and renames the place Bethel. OK great story about a lumpy pillow, but what is in it for us

First, God takes the initiative. Jacob did not build the ladder to reach heaven, God extended it to him. Contrast this with the building of the Tower of Babel. We tend to think of Babel as an act of human pride and folly. But dig deeper friends.

They very much wanted something that would 'reach to heaven'.. It did not end well.. Man cannot make his own way to heaven.

So God first came to us. God not only takes the initiative, but He first descends to us. It is He who crosses the gulf between the human and the divine. That's what Christmass was all about. The lowered ladder is not a challenge from God, but a wonderful opportunity, an invitation to become one with Him..

Secondly God is with us as we make the ascent. God is both the destination and our companion on the way.

Notice that there are angels running up and down the sides of the ladder. Some see these angels as carrying our wishes to God and then bringing back his help. Its like this prayer that I am very fond of.

"To go daily from men to God to offer him

6 their homage and petitions; to return from God to men to bring them his pardon and his hope".

OK. So God is with us, the angels are our companions, what is expected of us? God does not drag us up the ladder. We are expected to respond to this invitation.

How does Jacob respond?;

When Jacob woke up, he said:

"Indeed the Lord is in this place, and I did not know". How awesome is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and the gate of heaven".

Jacob's response is one of holy fear or reverence at the presence of God. So the story becomes a metaphor for how we tend to fall asleep to the reality of God's presence in our life. And what is it that awakens Jacob to God? It is this vision of the ladder. For us, the Cross is our true ladder to heaven—that ought to awaken us to the presence of God.

Then We must act. After the vision ends, Jacob does more than wake up and remark how truly awesome it had been. He goes beyond a mere verbal utterance. He sets a stone in place and anoints it. His world is changed.

And so Our world is changed. Jacob sets the stone in place as a permanent memorial of what happened. It could also be interpreted as a kind of a primitive temple since he also renames the area Bethel, which means 'house of God'— The renaming of the area itself tells us a significant change has occurred. Finally, Jacob calls on God to be with him and to 'keep' the 'way by which I walk' and to nourish and clothe him. Jacob arrived at Bethel as a simple itinerant. He walked away with God.

Something to ponder

As I re read the account of poor old Jacob I had to ask myself

"How many times have I encountered a person or gone into a place only to discover much later that this was a sacred space, a holy encounter and I did not know it? How many times have I been asleep, when actually what I should have been seeing is angels and climbing a ladder with them to heaven itself? How many times Lord... how many times?

but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia! **alleluia.**

Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants

**R. Alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel:*

Matthew 13.24-30, 13.36-43

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to St Matthew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup> He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup> But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them

grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house.

And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup> He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Hooray...it's July !!**

Although we are still 6months from Christmas Day, on viewing Nigella Lawson we are reminded that next month we should be starting on Christmas Puddings again. So St Peter's Guild is just making a little noise about "puds". As we are so small in number we need ages to have enough ready for Christmas distribution. In the happy event that you have your arrangements already and know your Christmas feast requirements and would like a pudding could you please contact Earlene Gellert on 0448832202 or Elisabeth Cuming on 0427774223.

Christ Church Reading /Intercession Roster From 19th July - 26th July			
Date	Reader 1	Reader 2	Intercessor
19/0/2020	Gladys Frost	Helen Powell	Jannie Ryan
26/07/2020	Tony Roe	Celia Luke	Eileen Jolly

## For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need R  
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Phil Reid	Dorothy	Stella Downs
Fr Peter Treloar	Patrick and family	Fr Paddy
Brian Lacy	(Irene Edwards son)	John O'Donnell
Virginia	Katie Kuiper	Heather

For those who have died e

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Llewelyn Davies	Alma McPherson	Mary-Ella Bond
James Muner	Richard Hughes	William Porter
Francis Smith	Joan Rowe	M Graham
Violet Munro	Ralph Slade	Gregory Annett
Leonard Littlechild	Annie Frickett	Rose Davies
Henry Lowin	Howard Newell	Erbert Ranley
Charles Lovett	June Rose	Alfred Martin
Leslie Neaves	Elsie Annett	Frances Broadwood

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Episcopal Church in the Philippines: The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines
- The Murray: Keith Dalby
- Colac: Ryan Austin-Eames (Assistant Curate)
- The Otways: Jenny Brandon
- (Anglicare) Forest Op Shop: Volunteer staff
- Madang
- Those tempted to suicide and those who love them.

### So just who is Paige Freestone?

Paige is the daughter of Nathaniel and Lisa and will be baptised on Saturday 25th of July at 5:00pm. The baptismal party are only 5 so it would be delicious if there were another 15 to welcome them. Places are limited. Book early... book often!

### From St. Peters Glenthompson

Gareth Collition is to begin the process of restoring the mural. We are not certain of how much money we will need to repair the damage. Gareth is unable to be exact but we are trying to raise what we anticipate to be a bill in excess of \$6000 It does sound terrible but we cannot imagine that it will be much less.

So we are running a cake stall every first Saturday of the month. The next one is on August 1<sup>st</sup> 10am- 12 midday  
September 5<sup>th</sup> 10.0am-12 midday  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.0am-12 midday  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 10.0am-12 midday

The stall will be outside Glen Hughes shop where Earlene has her fruit and vegetable table and there may be some surprises e.g. hot cinnamon and sugar doughnuts!!

**Thank you in anticipation of your support.**

## Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:  
"Father God who plants the seeds" ....is ...  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

Generous God, you have created such a beautiful world, fruitful and bountiful beyond our needs –and yet we sow it with the weeds of selfishness and greed, and spoil it for one another.

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

We pray for those in authority and those who make decisions around the world. Especially today we pray for chief medical officers who are having to provide advice about the Corona Virus to governments and communities around the world.

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

In our church family we pray especially for Bishop Garry and for Fr David and the members of our Parish Council as they prepare for the upcoming AGM. May people be found to fill all these important positions in our church.

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

Strengthen those who strive for fairness and justice, make care and love the hallmarks of our shared life; especially today we pray for those who work for the wellbeing and flourishing of our children.

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

We pray for all those who are sick or anxious at this time. We pray for those who care for them and for all those who are isolated by the restrictions caused by the virus. We pray for all those who we hold in our own hearts at this time.....

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

Gracious God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for anyone we know who have recently died and are on that journey to you.

"Father God who plants the seeds"  
**"help us grow free of weeds"**

Be with us all as we seek the welfare of one another, and teach us how to support the wellbeing of all. May we work together to help the seeds of your kingdom take root and flourish in our lives and in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### On August 12<sup>th</sup> St Peters Guild

are conducting their usual meeting followed by a luncheon and an interesting speaker at Stirling, Glenthompson home of Bruce and Elisabeth Cuming

**"Family, fashion, fabric, fur and feathers"**

Marie Greiner will speak about her training as a dressmaker and tailor at Bradshaws Business College, Melbourne and her abiding love and care for injured wildlife.

The day commences at 11.30a.m and funds raised used to restore the mural at St Peters. Cost \$25.0 per person.

**Numbers are limited due to Covid 19 restrictions**

Please r.s.v.p. to

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