



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2026

We welcome to St. Peter's Glenthompson today our Bishop Garry.
If you are worshipping at St. Peter's today, please stay for a glass of
"Bubbly", tea or coffee and a piece of Simnel cake
(a traditional Mothering Sunday treat)

Sentence: John 14.23

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

Collect

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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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

St Peter's Glenthompson

St Mark's Cavendish

All Saints' Penshurst

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,

²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

²⁸ For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

²⁹ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

7. O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound,
8. **Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
9. For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried.
10. **You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
11. You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
12. **I will come into your house with burnt-offerings: and I will pay you my vows,**
13. The vows that opened my lips: that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
14. **I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts, with the sweet smoke of rams: I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.**
15. Come then and hear, all you that fear God: and I will tell what he has done for me.
16. **I called to him with my mouth: and his praise was on my tongue.**
17. If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: the Lord would not have heard me.
18. **But God has heard me: he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**
19. Praise be to God: who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.8-22

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were

called—that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For ‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’ ¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 14.15-21

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁵ ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Intercessions for the Eucharist Years Mind

and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding”

Lord in your mercy... is ...Hear our prayer

Lord in your mercy .. **Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, today we pray for all mothers. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their children, with the same bold, selflessness Mary showed Jesus. May all mothers know our gratitude and truly know their impact.

*Lord in your mercy .. **Hear our prayer***

When our mothers are tired, Lord, give them strength. When they feel alone, give them comfort. When they feel overwhelmed with the challenges of parenting, help them to know peace. In their darkest moments, be their Light.

*Lord in your mercy .. **Hear our prayer***

For all mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers and motherlike figures in our lives, may God bless them abundantly

*Lord in your mercy .. **Hear our prayer***

That government leaders make good decisions to support mothers at all stages of motherhood,

*Lord in your mercy .. **Hear our prayer***

That we may be inspired by Mother Mary to journey with Jesus, in good times and in challenging times

*Lord in your mercy .. **Hear our prayer***

We ask these things in Jesus' name **Amen**

For Your Prayers This Week

For the sick and in need and those who are preparing for surgery:

Bishop Garry, Vivian McKellar, Bishop Scott & his family, Lorraine, Sharon, Judy Trompf.

For Those Who Have Died

Constance Wilson, Isaabel Richards, Hannah Stephens, Robina Clapham, Elsie Nayler, Allan Black, Ada Heron, Neville Mason, Richard Yorston, Ethel Bennison, Edwin Annett, Edward Hammond, Rupert Edge, Trevor Bloom, Norman O'Flaherty, Ian Burger, Leslie Hatherall, Elizabeth Smith, Barry Watso, David Primrose, Alice Fisher, Tanya Page. Elizabeth Stapleton, Philippa de St Croix

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- Melbourne: Archbishop Rick Thorpe, Genieve Blackwell, Paul Barker and Kate Prowd.
- Buninyong: Mark Schnerring
Springmount: Catie Inches-Ogden.
Anglicare Emergency Relief Centre Creswick Clients and Volunteers
- Kandam
- Our Premier and State Parliament

Today's Homily

Windows into Motherhood.

Today, in the secular calendar it is Mothers day.

It will come as no surprise to you that I have absolutely no idea what it is like to be a Mother. I have never known and will never know what it is like to sense those first flutterings of movement in the womb. I have never known nor will never know what it is like to physically give birth and bring a child into the world, to say nothing of the whole breast feeding experience.

But from time to time when I look back over the years I glimpse through a window, very dimly, something of what it must be like. I can sympathise and empathise. I can go so far but never be a Mum myself.

I also peek through the windows in some of the

stories about Our Lady, Mother Mary. If I reflect on some of those stories I can get a squinty bit of an idea, so today I thought I would just simply reflect on two of those times When Mother Mary is most a Mum.

The first is the annunciation of Our Lady when the Archangel Gabrielle comes and offers this working class teenage peasant lass, in a tiny village a vocation that will change her life, your life and my life forever.

I don't think Mother Mary could have quite grasped the significance of the role. She had no way of seeing that radical change that would tsunami her life and that she could never be the same again. This would send her on a trajectory that was terrifying, painful, exhilarating and exciting. Can any new, first time mother truly grasp how completely their life will change?

It's important to understand that Our Lady could have said a polite 'No Thank you' and for a little while in her conversation, I suspect that she might have had some doubts. 'How can this be since I am a virgin?' She doesn't say 'Yes Yippee' straight away she simply allows God to work in her and through her and we shall always be grateful that she did say 'Yes'.

Saying Yes to God is a beautiful, scary but wonderful thing. For you are no longer in control. And saying Yes to becoming a mother sure means that your life is changed and in some ways you are never in control the same way you were before.

So through the window of the annunciation I glimpse that Motherhood changes everything. I glimpse that saying Yes to Motherhood changes your life in remarkable, unpredictable ways and but having embarked on this journey, you wouldn't have it any other way.

The next window I peek through is when a pregnant Mother Mary goes off to have the

world's first Mothers club meeting with her pregnant cousin Elizabeth. What they talked about for three months I have no idea, and I wonder what Elizabeth's husband Zechariah thought of such a lengthy sleep over.

But when you read the text very carefully you'll discover that it is Elizabeth who speaks first. The Blessed Virgin Mary arrives, probably sits down with a cuppa and simply waits for Elizabeth to speak. Mary knows that just simply being there with her cousin says it all and far from telling her own incredulous story simply allows Elizabeth to say everything that is upon her heart and mind. Such is the vocation of being a Mum. Those who listen attentively to what is being said both outwardly and inwardly understand that sometimes the most loving thing to say is nothing at all. To envelop their child in an attentive listening silence is one of the finest things you can do as a Mother.

While we are not told, I reckon that One of the things that Our Lady and Cousin Elizabeth did was laugh a lot. There is a unique and finely distilled joy in being a Mother and every so often it bubbles up and finds expression not in the spoken word, for there are no words, but it comes out as a jolly good giggle. A chortle and a chuckle.

One last thing about being a Mum which I do know. The vocation is unending. I used to think that it finished when you dropped your child off at the school gate on their first day. But no. I was wrong.

Then I thought well it must finish when they leave home. Boy was I really wrong.

Oh well maybe Motherhood finishes with the last breath. But most definitely No! My own Mother is on the other side of the grave and sometimes unannounced and unexpected, I sense her still praying for me and cheering me on. Such is a mothers love that the grave is not the finish line but beyond the grave, love is

actually enhanced and made all the more beautiful and exquisite. A flimsy thing like death is never going to stop something as powerful as a Mother's love.

I thank My Mother, I thank Cousin Elizabeth and I thank the Blessed Virgin Mary for these windows into the vocation of being a Mother. May their loving prayers continue to surround us as we journey on into the people we are called to be. Happy Mothers Day.

Next Weeks Homily

I believe in the Communion of Saints

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

The Parish Secretary is

- Graeme Mustow aka Lofty
- St John The Baptist
- The Pope
- Bishop Scott
- Mary Magdalene
- Fr David

Fr. David's hard quiz

Who was the mother of Samuel, known for her earnest prayer in the temple?

- Ruth
- Naomi
- Hannah
- Rachel
- Leah

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: 153

Hard quiz: St Faicre

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

Sunday 10th May 2026

Mental Health Awareness Week

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble' (Psalm 46:1)

Life is often tough. This is especially so if you have mental health problems, or you are caring for someone with such difficulties. The Bible does not pretend that such things don't happen or that they don't happen to believers. On the contrary, it is such a real book that it tells us that suffering will be part of being human. It never suggests that you can simply pray and if you have enough faith such problems will inevitably disappear. What it does do is bring us back to the purpose of God, the power of God and above all the love of God. After all, our Saviour died the terrible death of the cross. His death and resurrection give us hope.

Question for thought:

How do I know that God loves me?

Gracious heavenly Father, we bring before you our members in the Diocese of Gippsland, praying for Lindy Driver the President as she encourages members in their walk with you and in reaching out to those in need. We pray too, for the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki in New Zealand and for members as they reach out in your name to those in need. For Christ's sake, Amen.

Cuppa and chatter

Cuppa and chatter is on and happening on Thursdays. Ladies to Lemon Myrtle from 2.15pm until 3.00pm and Gents to Thommo's Tavern at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

Wanted

Small quiet farmhouse or cottage sought to rent by lady with one dog. Very tidy with excellent references. Contact Deacon Jannie 0420283809 with a text message please.

On Sunday 12th of April

A parish meeting happened to discern what our book fair might look like in 2027.

An august committee was collected of Ian and

Heather Hartley, Robyn Wilken, Judy Pickett, Betty Lacy and Todd Venning. We hope that Peter Walscott will continue with the generous lending of his shed. Others may be co opted for various roles.

The final decision of the dispersal of the Book Fair funds will be made at Parish Council's December meeting.

If you would like to be on Parish Council at that time to make the final decision, then please nominate for Parish Council and be elected at our AGM on Sunday July 26th. Parish Council also looks forward to, warmly encourages and will get excited about, any suggestions leading up to the December Parish Council meeting.

The next outreach and Fundraising Committee meeting

is on Thursday May 28th at 1:30pm. All are very welcome to this jovial and enterprising time.

Some dates for your diary.

- Parish AGM Sunday July 26th
- Blessing of Pets Service Sunday October 11th.
- Parish Fete Saturday 8th of November

Snag a Snag

On Saturday morning 30th of May we will be running one of our famous Coles Sausage sizzles. Come and meet a Master chef, be well nourished and support your parish.

Of Thursday May 21st at 5:30pm.

Parish Council meets.

A date to keep in mind

for St. Peter's Glenthompson
St. Peter's day Sunday June 28th

What Anglicare needs for the cooler months.

Clothing: Socks, tracksuit pants, gloves and warmer tops (even waterproof ones).

Food items: school snacks, spreads (vegemite and peanut butter) and some easy to eat snacks (muesli bars/biscuits/crackers).

Toiletries: bottles of shampoo and roll on deodorant are among some of the toiletries.

Your Planned Giving.

All our offerings are freewill offerings but with our busy lives, the use of cash has become less easy and direct deposit a more popular option. However, we can still supply Weekly Offering envelopes where you may insert your offering. These envelopes are dated for your convenience. You can have envelopes weekly or monthly.

Those Parishioners who like to take advantage of this method and wish to continue using it, I still have the list from 2025, so you do not need to do anything more. Your envelopes will be at the back of the Church just before the end of the financial year ready to start the first Sunday in July.

Any information you need about envelopes or direct deposit from your bank please contact Jenny Rankin who can help you.

If you feel direct deposit is not the same as putting your offering in the plate there are small, laminated tickets which you can pick up from where you get your hymn books and pew sheets and put them in the plate as it passes which will go up to the altar for blessing.

Thank you.

Jenny (0419110817)

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish of Hamilton is scheduled to be held in the Canon Julien Centre on Sunday 26 July 2026 commencing at 11.30am.

Please give thought to nominating for one of the positions which need to be filled. Positions to be filled this year are Churchwardens (3), Councillors (6), Parochial Nominators (3), Supplementary Parochial Nominators (3), Synod Representatives (3) and Alternate Synod Representatives (2).

A reminder that all parishioners are required to re-enrol on the electoral roll to be eligible to fill any of the above positions and to vote at the AGM.

Nomination forms and enrolment forms will be made available in due course.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Secretary.

A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING A BISHOP

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your Church in this
diocese a shepherd after your own
heart

who will walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over
your people.

Give us a leader of vision and a
teacher of your truth.

So may your Church be built up
and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

TODAY'S HYMNS

675 209 630 395

Services for this week

Wednesday	13 th May	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	16 th May	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	17 th May	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Jenny *Reader 2:* Penny *Intercessor:* Betty *Sidesmen:* Stewart & Meredith

Eucharist Assistant: Lofty