



Anglican Parish of Hamilton Day of Pentecost 24th May 2026

Sentence: John 7.38

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,’ says the Lord; ‘and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.’

Collect

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter’s Glenthompson St Mark’s Cavendish All Saints’ Penshurst

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit;

and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 104.26-36

26. Lord, how various are your works: in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.
27. **There is the wide, immeasurable sea: there move living things without number, great and small;**
28. There go the ships, to and fro: and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.
29. **These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.**
30. When you give it to them, they gather it: when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.
31. **When you hide your face, they are troubled: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**
32. When you send forth your spirit they are created: and you renew the face of the earth.
33. **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever: may the Lord rejoice in his works.**
34. If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble: if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.
35. **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have any being.**

36. May my meditation be pleasing to him:
for my joy shall be in the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-13

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 20.19-23

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

The response to the bidding:

Dear LordisPlease answer our prayers.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for the people who are being affected by wars in the world, especially the people in the Middle East. We pray for the people and children and animals who are suffering from hunger in the world that they can overcome their situation as soon as possible.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for the people of northern Australia who are being affected by the continuous

cyclones that the cyclones stop very shortly and the people and animals get the help they need very quickly.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for all the farmers that need fuel and water and fertilisers they need to put in their crops and for the farmers, especially around Hamilton, that need water for their homes and gardens that they get decent rain very soon.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for the recently Departed and their families that you Lord help them and enfold them in your embrace.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for families and friends who are being affected by ill health that they recover and recover well very quickly.

Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.

We pray for Bishop Garry and Bishop Scott and all Priests and their families in the Diocese of Ballarat and everyone in the Parish of Hamilton that you Lord keep them healthy and safe from harm.

Lord please guide the leaders of the world to put a stop to the wars. Please help and guide us to do your Will.

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, Linda

For Those Who Have Died

Years Mind

Christopher Millard, Marion Thomas, Shirley Smith, Lucy Carty, Susan Sloan, Constance Wilson, Gweneth Black, Reginald Bree, Robert

Waters, Phillipa MacLeod, James Gooch, Gregory Lowe, John Wilmett, Decima Mason, Julie Young, Velma Brown, Johanson girls: Doreen, Doris, Valerie, Bettina -sisters to June Cashman

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- Mission to Seafarers: Bishop Keith Joseph and Bishop Jeremy James
- Lower Glenelg: Wendy Morecroft, Alan Ford (dcn), Brian Lineker (dn), Judy Macpherson (dcn)
- Simbai
- Those responsible for national economic & social policy.

Today's Homily

This is not what we were expecting

Often I have tried to imagine myself as one of those frightened disciples locked up in that upper room. Where not much is said but simply being together and wanting to be together says it all. What is the next move? What do we do now? Go back to fishing... leave the country? Fly to Port Douglas for the winter? And what of the news from the women at the tomb. Tales and gossip surely. Did we get it all wrong? Were our loyalty and hopes so misguided?

The doors bolted, hearts pounding, shame and fear swirling after the chaos of the cross. The disciples have every reason to shrink back, unsure if they even belong in the presence of their Lord. And then, suddenly, Jesus is there. Not with words of blame, but with a message that lands like a soft comforting doona: "Peace be with you."

This is new and radical. It's outside the box and boggles our expectations. Anyone else would have visited with an accusing eye, the pointed finger of blame and the question 'Why? How come you nicked off?'

But instead, we simply get ‘Peace be with you .
And even Him being here is not what we
expected.

The Master doesn’t ask for explanations or
apologies and what we would say anyway.
Ummm sorry... but you do understand we
were fear filled and you always wanted what
was best for us ... right. To stay alive.

And He shows them no magic trick, no healing,
no stilling of storm. Instead he shows them...
He shows them his wounds; proof that love has
survived hate, retribution and the grave. Our
fear melts into joy, because in that moment,
forgiveness is not just a concept. It’s a person.
It’s Jesus, alive and loving them as fiercely as
ever.

This is not what we were expecting

This is not just a story for that one locked
room. It’s for every one of us. For there are
times when we have all felt ashamed,
unworthy, or afraid to stand before God. Jesus
says, to you and to me. “Peace be with you,”
not as a suggestion, but as a gift. He meets us
in our fear, whatever monster that might look
like, no matter how ferocious or untamed our
fears might be. He calls us beloved. “My son,
my daughter, I love you so very much and am
always with you. Peace be with you”

This is not what we were expecting.

But Jesus doesn’t stop there. He breathes the
Holy Spirit into his followers; not only to
comfort them, but to send them out. “As the
Father has sent me, so I send you.” We’ve got
work to do. The Church’s mission is born right
there, in that space between fear and
forgiveness. The Holy Spirit fills that room,
and suddenly the disciples are changed.
They’re no longer hiding. They go out and
speak in every tongue, sharing the Good News
with the world.

This is not what we were expecting.

You don’t need to be a perfect person for the

Spirit to work wonders through you. The
disciples were ordinary people: full of doubts,
regrets, and rough edges. They were mucky
men. But when the Holy Spirit comes, those
locked doors open up wide. The Spirit meets us
as just as we are, grubby and hopeful. It gives
us the courage, the words, and the love we
need to build up the Church and the world
around us.

The Spirit’s gifts aren’t just for a chosen few.
Each of us receives them in unique ways:
through our personalities, our strengths, even
our weaknesses. Perhaps especially in our
weaknesses. Some of us build up the body of
Christ with patience, others with kindness or
faithfulness, still others with gentleness or self-
control. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit,
growing quietly within us, lighting up our
hearts so that we can share God’s love with
everyone we meet.

This is not what we were expecting

And what is this love? It’s mercy that knows
no end. It’s forgiveness that wipes away every
sin. And it’s the invitation to join Jesus; not
just in his suffering, but in his resurrection, in
the joy and hope of new life.

So as we go out today, let’s remember: Jesus is
always with us. The Spirit is alive in our hearts.
We are called to forgive, to love, and to serve;
not because we are perfect, but because we are
loved.

Let’s give glory to our Lord God by living this
truth. Let’s love our neighbour, forgive as we
have been forgiven, and build a community
where the light of the Spirit shines bright. And
always remember these words: “I love you, my
son, my daughter, and am always with you.”
Go out with love, give praise and glory to our
Father in Heaven, and love those around you as
God loves you.

It is not what the world will be expecting.

Maybe it is not what we were expecting, but it

is everything that we need so desperately in our wonky broken world today.

The things that are not expected.

Peace be with you..

Next Weeks Homily

What's a homily

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

To enrol for the Annual meeting you need to be over

- 16 years old
- 18 years old
- 21 years old

Fr. David's hard quiz

According to the book of Genesis how many sons did Abraham have?

- 2
- 6
- 8
- 12
- No one really knows

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: David Byrne

Hard quiz: Up to a third of the Parish Council

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

Sunday May 24th 2026

Establishment and fruitfulness

'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning'
(Acts 11;15)

The Apostle Peter said these words after he had

preached the gospel of Jesus to the Gentiles for the first time. He was thinking back to the miracle of Pentecost when he and the other Apostles were given the Holy Spirit as a blessing of the new covenant which had come. Now the question was, would the non-Jewish peoples of the world receive the same blessing, the same mark of acceptance by God? And the answer was Yes! The Holy Spirit comes to all who put their faith in Christ. What a wonderful gift from God.

Question for thought:

How do I know that I have received the Holy Spirit?

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Women's Fellowship in North and South India which is affiliated with Mothers Union and especially the Dioceses of Agra and Karnataka. We give thanks for their willingness to reach out to their local communities to care for the vulnerable women and girls in your name. We pray too, for the Diocese of Central Queensland (Rockhampton) and for Sue Witten as President. Bless their times of fellowship and their ministry as they reach out in the many aspects of parish and community life. 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.

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.

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.

A date to keep in mind

for St. Peter's Glenthompson

St. Peter's day Sunday June 28th

Blessing of the new hall, a bishop and sherries at 10:30am.

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)

A small winter break.

Fr. David and Jeanine will be on a small winter break from June 12th to June 16th.

Deacon Jannie will be the first point of contact in case of emergency.

ph.0420 283 809

Forethought for our Fete

So it's probably time that we gave some forethought to our Fete. We will start thinking and planning on Saturday June 27th at 10am in our meeting room. All are very welcome with ideas, refinements and suggestions.

Mothers' Union Lunch

Mothers' Union members, partners and friends are all invited to a lunch at the Cally on Monday 1st June at 12 noon.

If you are able to join us please let Betty Lacy know on 0438470667.

Shirley

Bible Reading Challenge

June is important because it is the Bible reading challenge. The notes are coming to a church near you."

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

340 182 630 210

Services for this week

Wednesday	27th May	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	30th May	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	31st May	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Sue *Reader 2:* Tony *Intercessor:* Nicole *Sidesmen:* Judy & Ken

Eucharist Assistant: Jannie