



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Third Sunday After Pentecost

### 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Sentence:** Romans 5.1–2

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand.

**Collect**

Lord, we beseech you to keep your family, the Church, in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve you in good works, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Christ Church-Hamilton

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

<sup>1</sup> The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, ‘My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ <sup>6</sup> And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, ‘Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.’ <sup>7</sup> Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ And he said, ‘There, in the tent.’ <sup>10</sup> Then one said, ‘I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ <sup>13</sup> The Lord said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm* 116.1-2; 116.11-18

1. I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;
2. **Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.**
11. How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?
12. **I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.**
13. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.
14. **Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.**
15. O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.
16. **I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.**
17. I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,
18. **In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:* Romans 5.1-11

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were

still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9.35-10.8*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to St Mathew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out

labourers into his harvest.' <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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:

'For grace from on high' ... is ... 'We praise you Lord'

For grace from on high ... **We praise you Lord**

God is faithful and through Jesus we can enter a state of Grace. Let us pray that the Church may be a beacon of grace and peace.

For Garry our Bishop, Bishop Scott who assists him and our board of electors. that a spirit of wisdom and understanding may guide them all  
*For grace from on high ... We praise you Lord*

Holy Spirit help us to create ways to find meaning and dignity in connection with each other so that the world may know the gift of peace that seems so elusive and difficult to

achieve.

*For grace from on high ... **We praise you Lord***

Regardless of our sins God loves us unconditionally. We pray for the lost, the wandering and those who are forgetful of God's love for them

*For grace from on high ... **We praise you Lord***

For Fiona Holland preparing to be ordained deacon. That you will give her the grace of holiness and faithfulness

*For grace from on high ... **We praise you Lord.***

For our departed loved ones that the inner light that God gives may shine on them forever.

*For grace from on high ... **We praise you Lord***

Holy God, We ask for forgiveness and guidance to do your will and always to walk humbly with you, **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**

Alfred Tatlok, Clara Frencham, James Crane, Raymond Smith, Jade Allan, David Black, Caroline White, Stella Brumley, David Ratcliffe, Audrey Penfold, Claude Hubbard, William Thompson, Annie Stephens, Edeltraud Kricak, Mary Mildon, Margaret Stone, William Chadderton

## **For The Wider Church and Its Ministry**

- Church of the Province of South East Asia
- Perth: Kay Goldsworthy, Kate Wilmot, David Bassett & Hans Christiansen

- North West Australia: Darrell Parker
- Wendouree: Denis Sotiriadis.
- Koko
- The elderly and those who care for them in institutions and at home. Senior citizen groups.

## **Today's Homily**

### **When God makes you laugh.**

There are parallels between the story of Sarah in our first lesson today and the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are both about God doing the impossible for His people.

They are also a mirror image of each other.

One is about a young girl, the other about an old woman.

One isn't married and is a virgin; the other has been married for years, but is still childless.

One receives a terrifying visit from an angel, who promises a child who will be conceived.

The other is visited by three strangers, one of whom is the Lord himself, who promises a child who will be conceived even though she is past the age of child bearing.

The first responds to this impossible promise with

“But how can this be since I am a virgin” The other responds to the promise by laughing to herself about how impossible it is.

We love the story of Our Lady, but the story of Sarah is more like the story of our lives. Often the promises of God's salvation seem so out of touch with the reality of our life that all we can do is laugh.

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, her dreamy life is abruptly interrupted by God. But When the child is born, she treasures and ponders, as the shepherds return to their flocks glorifying and praising God. It's a great story ...

Unless,... you are Sarah, who is at the opposite end of life's journey. In many ways, her life has been a nightmare, ever since she was uprooted from her home in Ur of the Chaldees

and hauled along on that long trip to an unknown land, all because her husband said God had told him to go.

But the thing that hurts most is the disappointment and shame of never having her own child. Sure Abraham kept assuring her that God had promised a child, a child from her own body. But after 90 years..??

Then these three strangers suddenly show up. Sarah plays a small part in the first scene scurrying about with mealtime preparations and then retiring into the tent as the men folk ate their dinner. She is in the background, hiding behind the tent flap, curious about these strangers, listening to the conversation.

Suddenly she is thrust into the centre of things with one question. “Where is your wife, Sarah?” they asked? You can imagine Sarah’s head jerking up, her pulse quickening. “How do they know my name?” Abraham grunts his monosyllabic response, “There, in the tent.”

Then comes the bombshell. “The Lord said, ‘I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.’”

After all these years of childlessness, she hears God speak the promise. In one year, Sarah will have a son. Oh joy! Oh ecstasy! Oh Lord! Oh brother! Are you kidding me? Are you serious? “Sarah laughed to herself....”

It’s not hard to imagine why she laughed. She laughed because of the sheer impossibility of the promise. If God had promised this 60 years ago, even 30 years ago, maybe... But now? “Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, ‘After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?’”

Who does this stranger think he is?

Given her past and her present, she was not going to have a baby, no matter who says she will. Even God. So, she laughed at the promise of God.

Not in God’s face, but to herself. She laughed not out of arrogance, but out of a broken heart, out of a lifelong disappointment that had taught

her not to clutch at straws. Hopelessness, not pride underlay her inability to believe God’s impossible promise. It wasn’t that she had no faith, but that her faith was small because of the nightmare of her life. She was not a rebel, but a realist. When she was confronted with her laughter, she cowers, and lies, but she doesn’t keep laughing as a rank unbeliever would.

God understands. That’s why he responds to her unbelieving laughter not with fire and brimstone, but with truth and grace and with his own little joke. “Yes, you did laugh.” That’s the truth. You can’t fool God. He knows the truth about our secret laughter in response to the promises of his Word. He knows how we kid ourselves about the strength of our faith. He knows about our inability to put the past behind us and believe that he can and will do miracles in our present and future. I wonder, ...could it be that God even laughed with Sarah, that his response was a warm chuckle. The name of this child was Isaac, meaning “laughter,.” He was God’s wonderful little joke, the punch line of a long story of suspense and confusion. You shall call his name Isaac, because his mother laughed when God promised his birth.

Because of God’s all-powerful love, those who laugh behind God’s back, even those who laugh in his face, can find God’s blessing. It’s an unspeakable comfort to know that salvation depends not on our unfaltering faith, but on God’s grace in Christ. When God makes you laugh, He’s also laughing with you.

## **Next Weeks Homily**

We do learn... sometimes...

## **dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

## Fr. David's easy quiz

The electoral enrolment form this year is colored

- orange
- black
- green
- purple
- white

## Fr. David's hard quiz

In the old testament lesson today Sarah is married to...

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Fr. David.

### The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: All of the above

Hard quiz: The story of Pilate's wife having a dream

## Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

Sunday 14th June 2026

### Refugees and displaced people

‘So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt’ (Matthew 2:13).

I have several friends who were refugees from terror. Their stories are heart-rending, not least because the way in which families are separated perhaps permanently. Children are denied education; families are denied security; individuals are lonely. As we remember that Jesus' parents had to flee their homeland and go to Egypt, it is astonishing to know that the Son of God himself was a refugee. It is also a reminder to us that we should also love and care for those who are in camps and those who have come among us, far from home. This is part of our Christian compassion, after the

likeness of Christ.

### Question for thought:

*Do I know of a Christian agency which supports refugees? Am I willing to help?*

Gracious heavenly Father, we give thanks for the many faithful members in the New Guinea Islands in Papua New Guinea. Members are involved in literacy programs, health education, anti-violence campaigns, prison and hospital visits, and marriage counselling. May they share your love and compassion. In Jesus' name. 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.

## A date to keep in mind

for St. Peter's Glenthompson

St. Peter's day Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Blessing of the new hall, lunch, 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.

## **The Outreach and Fundraising Committee**

next meets on Thursday 18th of June at 1:30pm. Come along and share your ideas.

## **6 (six) things about our bible study group**

1. It's on Tuesday nights
2. It starts at 7:30pm
3. It's at our warm parish meeting room
4. It goes for no longer than an hour
5. We're using the June bible study challenge reading notes
6. All are welcome.

## **Something Leunig wrote**

That which is Christ-like within us shall be crucified. It shall suffer and be broken. And that which is Christ-like within us shall rise up. It shall love and create.

## **Thursday 18th of June**

is significant because at 5:30pm on that day your Parish Council meets.

## **Our website**

Have you ever looked at our website?

It has our weekly pew sheet plus Fr David's homily and reflections. The address is on the front of the pew sheet as shown below

Website: [www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)

## 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**

**Happy Birthday to**  
John Oliver (June 17th)  
Barbara Oliver (June 18th)  
Gavin Wallis (June 18th)  
**From all the Parish Family**

*St Peter's Anglican Church Glenthompson invites you to their Patronal Festival and dedication of the new church hall, on June 28th 2026, at 10:30a.m, Holy Communion followed by a Winter Warmer Lunch. We hope you can come. Please R.S.V.P by 20th June to either Earlene Gellert 0448832202 Elisabeth Cuming 0427774223*

## Services for this week

Wednesday	17th June	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	20th June	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	21st June	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

*Reader 1: John      Reader 2: Ian      Intercessor: Susan      Sidesmen: Helen & Illford*

*Eucharist Assistant: Lofty*