



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Second Sunday After Pentecost

7th June 2026

Sentence: Matthew 9.12–13

Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

Collect

O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in him, 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

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¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb..

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 33.1-12

1. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: for it befits the just to praise him.
2. **Give the Lord thanks upon the harp: and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.**
3. O sing him a new song: make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.

4. **For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.**
5. He loves righteousness and justice: the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
6. **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.**
7. He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin: and laid up the deep in his treasuries.
8. **Let the whole earth fear the Lord: and let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**
9. For he spoke, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. **The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations: he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.**
11. But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever: the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.
12. **Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord: the people he chose to be his own possession.**

2nd Reading: Romans 4.13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the

presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’²³ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9.9-13; 9.18-26

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

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came

and were sitting with him and his disciples.¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’¹² But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.’¹³ Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,²¹ for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well.²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, ‘Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.’ And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

Do you ever hear the still small voice of God in your heart or mind?

The response to the bidding:

“Bless us beloved Lord”...is... In the name of Jesus.

Bless us beloved Lord **In the name of Jesus.**

When we walk in the garden or in the bush, we hear the voices of nature around us? All the beauty and plenty of this country has been made by Your hands to please and provide for us.

Help us Creator, Lord to care for these wonderful gifts and to hear your voice in them.
Bless us beloved Lord In the name of Jesus.

We sometimes sit in the silence of a church or listen to a favourite hymn and ask why we're there. Our faith sometimes becomes just a habit of where we go on Sunday.

Dear God, please use your small voice to encourage us and let us know that this is where we belong, and how to be a true member of your church, not just a visitor.

Bless us beloved Lord In the name of Jesus

We give thanks, Father, for all who work so hard for our parish with fund raising, cleaning, and doing all that must be done. We thank you for the joy of the music – both played and sung. We give thanks for Father David and Deacon Jannie who hear God's voice.

Help us to bring new members to join us in our praise, worship and fellowship.

Bless us beloved Lord In the name of Jesus

Lord God, we ask for your healing for all who are ill, hurt or suffering in any way. Around the world so many are suffering from war, disease and hunger.

Let your voice be heard by those who can change these things.

Bless us beloved Lord In the name of Jesus

Eternal God, we give thanks and praise for your faithful servants who have passed into your care. Welcome them into your kingdom where they will come face to face with you and our Lord Jesus.

Let your small voice be of comfort to those mourning the loss of someone dearly beloved, no matter how long ago.

Bless us beloved Lord In the name of Jesus

Dear God, we pray that you will allow us to hear your small voice in our hearts and minds.
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

William Porter, Roy Ackerley, Lyle Batty, Mary Dunran, Sarah Looker, Herbert Salter, Dorothy Ferrier, Thomas Slater, Edward Peterson, John Lean, Myra Mayfield, Victor Evans, Maud Rees, Arthur Harvey, Jack Pinkerton, Edward Creasey, Douglas Rankin

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Canberra and Goulburn: Mark Short, Carol Wagner, Stephen Pickard and Vanessa Bennett.
- Hamilton: David Oulton & Jannie Ryan (Deacon)
- Ginjiji
- Victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

Today's Homily

In praise of the God who prods us.

In today's readings we have God giving two people a bit of prod. Abraham and Matthew are nudged out of their comfort zones and asked to go somewhere else, do something else and BE someone else. To take up new tasks and different work. The Almighty is really good at this nudging business. When this happens the prompted ones are often given a new name to signify new responsibilities and a fresh start.

Think of Saul becoming Paul.

Today we have Abram who becomes Abraham. When you read over his call carefully you begin to understand that this nudging and prodding business often does not seem very fair. In fact God seems more like a friendly irritant than a gooey comforting God.

There's Abram quietly minding his own business, he's now 75 years old, so he's of pensionable age, he has built up his superannuation with a wise and diverse portfolio of sheep, goats, cattle, oxen and maybe a few doves for good measure. He's been in the same country all his life, the country of Haran and it was his dad's country before him, so he knows how it all ticks. As well as his lovely wife Sarai and his nephew Lot he has probably built up a goodly number of friends and relationships over the decades. It all seems pretty tickety boo, snug and delicious.

Then God, seemingly uninvited, says Go, leave your country, your fathers country and depart to a new land that you haven't seen, but I'll show it to you and give you the 3 point sales pitch. It's called Canaan, don't worry about the stinky Canaanites, you're going to love it and we'll throw in the lands of Bethel and Ai as well.

In all of this Abraham doesn't seem to say much. He just calls on the name of the Lord and builds a couple of altars for good measure. I think Sarai and Lot might have had something to say... but we are not told.

Matthew's call seems equally abrupt and disconcerting. It's just another quiet day at the office, The Master comes along and says just two words and Matthew gets up and follows him.

It immediately gets him into trouble when he throws a late night dinner party at his house. Jesus, some of Matthews tax collector work colleagues and some sinners are having a great time when some Pharisees challenge the guest

list and the security arrangements. This riff raff shouldn't be socialising with your teacher. And if we think about it the challenge is not agin the tax collectors and sinners, the barb is against The Master Himself. What sort of Teacher can he be if this is the sort of company he keeps?

Matthews' new job, working alongside Jesus, will not be as easy as collecting tax and getting rich on the profits. Living out mercy as a compassionate way of life is much harder than ticking the boxes on your spiritual wellness list. Mercy is an inner attitude that finds expression in every action and word. It requires the constant perception of what the other needs. It is not necessarily something you do, it is something you are. To be mercy full.

The good news. It is sinners that the Master calls and we rejoice that even when we are a bit grubby you and I are the ones he wants on his team. The soiled and squalid perfectly fit the key selection criteria to be a disciple.

The teacher looks to our future and potential, not back at our troubled and murky history. Like Matthew we have to get up from our past, stand tall, leave our comfortableness and walk with Him to a new land and a new way of living.

When we are gallant and gutsy enough; two things happen.

First we are blessed out of our sox. In ways that we sometimes know and often we are unaware of and frequently we don't realise until much later. Both Abraham and Matthew were blessed in their own space, in their own time and we still read about them and are inspired by them today.

But something else really important and exciting happens. When God shoves God into a different parish he says

**I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.**

I will bless those who bless you,

**and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.**

So we are not only called to be blessed, but to be a source of blessing to others.

Sounds terrifying and unachievable, but it is true.

Part of our vocation when we are nudged from our happy place is to be a source of blessing for others and I can speak from personal experience that you are just that. You have been and continue to be a bubbly fountain of blessing for me.

And for that undeserved and thrilling blessing, I kneel with you before the throne of grace today and give you and our prodding God magnificent thanks.

In praise of the God who prods us.

Next Weeks Homily

When God makes you laugh.

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

At our Bible study on Tuesday nights we...

- Laugh sometimes
- Learn from each other as well as the bible
- Disagree occasionally
- Agree frequently
- Pray
- All of the above
- None of the above

Fr. David's hard quiz

Only St. Matthew's gospel has

- The story of the woman caught in adultery
- The story of Pilate's wife having a dream
- The wedding at Cana

- The stilling of the storm.

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: Listens attentively but rarely, if William Poeever speaks

Hard quiz: Catered by local firm

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

Sunday 7th June 2026

Environment and Creation

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it' (Genesis.2:15).

We were created as image bearers to rule the world under God. But this did not mean to abuse the world. The relationship was meant to be one of peace and productivity. After the human rebellion against God, the relationship changed, as sinful, self-centred people occupied the world, making up our own rules. The Bible says that the world is groaning as it also waits for the day when there will be a new heaven and earth. In the meantime, God's people are to continue to respect and care for the creation, although we live in a world impacted by sin, and life can be very hard.

Question for thought:

Do I see the hand of God in the creation?

God of all, our hearts are heavy when we think of the troubles in the world. Have mercy dear Lord and bring an end to the crises in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia. Give our members in these areas courage and may they remember you are their comfort and strength and an ever-present help in trouble. We pray this week for members in Diocese of Mara, Tanzania and in Willochra, South Australia. May all they do bring in caring and supporting those in need bring honour and glory to your 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 28th
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.

TODAY'S HYMNS

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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
Ryan Hilsdon (June 12th)
Peter Walscott (June 12th)
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	10th June	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	13th June	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	14th June	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Gladys Reader 2: Sandra Intercessor: Heather Sidesmen: Stewart & Meredith

Eucharist Assistant: Susan