



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

23rd August 2026

Sentence: John 11.27

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Collect

O God, fount of all wisdom, in the humble witness of the apostle Peter you have shown the foundation of our faith: give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

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⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, ‘Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.’ ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ ‘When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’ ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’ ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’ ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.’ ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a

son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 124

1. If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,
2. **Then they would have swallowed us alive: when their anger was kindled against us.**
3. Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us: the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
4. **But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.**
5. We have escaped like a bird from the snare

of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

6. Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.

2nd Reading Romans 12.1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness..

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16.13-20

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ¹⁴ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ¹⁵ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 Lordis.... Please listen to and answer our prayers.

Dear Lord....**Please listen to and answer our prayers.**

We pray for everyone who is being affected by fire, floods, drought and earthquakes and starvation that they all stay safe and pray for everyone who have lost loved ones and Lord please supply food for the people and animals who are suffering from hunger.

Dear Lord....**Please listen to and answer our prayers.**

We pray for Bishop Garry and Bishop Scott and for everyone who is in the Diocese of Ballarat that they and their families are kept safe from harm.

Dear Lord....Please listen to and answer our prayers.

We pray for members of our families, friends, animals and everyone who are experiencing ill health that you Lord help them all recover quickly.

Dear Lord....Please listen to and answer our prayers.

We pray for the recently departed and their families that you Lord help them by enfolding them in your warm embrace.

Dear Lord....Please listen to and answer our prayers.

Lord Jesus we all need your love and advice so please help 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

Hanna Greed, Roland Tatlock, Heinrich Woodward, Edward Gibbins, Flora Reid, Patricia Hayward, Norman Dale, Elsie O'Malley, Raymond Gibbons, Laura Hansburgh, Robert Hanley, R. Price, Emily Slater, Ian Harrip, Eric Read, Cecil Hagar, Gael Blackwood, Edward Williamson, Patricia Hayward, Jean Neaves, Minnie Sloan, George Cable, Raymond Sheen, Richard Ibbott, Matewai Paenga, Frances Featherstone Haugh, William Binder, William Schofield, Myra Holdsworth, John Young

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- The Church of the Province of West Africa
- All those involved in School Chaplaincy and Industrial Chaplaincy. All Christian community schools and Church schools.
- Ballarat & Queen's Anglican Grammar School: Headmaster Adam Heath, Keith Romanis.
- Nambaiyufa
- Teachers and students

Today's Homily

Who you are

The usual path for the preacher today is as follows.

In this Q and A session, Peter is open to the Holy Spirit who reveals who Jesus really is. The Messiah.

It is not flesh and blood that has revealed this to Peter.

For Peter's insight and faithfulness he is given not only a new name, but also the responsibility of being the rock of the Church.

The preacher usually goes on to say how fabulous this all is. That a grubby humble fisherman could be chosen as the rock of the Church and if there is hope for this guy who smells like the mullet gone off in the sun two days ago, well hec, there is hope for each and every one of us here and those who didn't quite make it today.

Further, here is a clear indication of the Master leaving behind a physical, tangible church for the generations to come. Such is his care for us for he knows that we are going to need something to keep on reminding us and pointing beyond ourselves and to the divine.

All jolly good.

But peel back those layers and I detect something else going on here.

Peter sees who Jesus truly is and gives him his rightful title and a job to do.

‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’

Now in return Jesus gives Peter a new name and a job to do.

You are Peter, the rock of the Church.

One is a response to the other. One mirrors the other. A three step tango.

1. The recognition of who the other is.
2. The imposition of a new name.
3. Then a vocation to be lived.

The scary but good news is that this divine interchange is just not for St. Peter. It is for you and for me.

When we see the Master for who he is

When we can call him friend, brother, Lord then we will have nestled into a closer relationship, stepped through into another dimension with him and we will see what he can do. And not just nifty party tricks like water into wine, or the multiplying of the loaves and fishes, but we will also see what he can do with a cross and a grave.

But here’s the confronting bit.

In return the Rabbi tells us who we are. He gives us a new name and gives us a vocation to live out, to thrive, to stumble and ultimately to triumph.

This is not always easy and there will be some days when we will have much preferred to stay in bed, pulled the covers over our head and waited for the whole cataclysm to go away. It would be simpler and less complicated.

For knowing who we truly are, God’s adored child, is not just a glorious and wonderful thing, but also calls us to do all the things that

are mentioned in the first lesson. It’s quite a job description.

“Let your love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Do not claim to be wiser than you are.”

It’s quite a daunting list not just in the quantity of things but the quality of self less ness. The bar is set dizzyingly and intimidatingly high. We will accomplish these things only if we understand who we truly are and perhaps it might help if I tell you about another little boy who began to understand who he was. It happened like this.

Little boy is playing in front of his parents bedroom mirror when he stops and looks at the image that has stopped and is now looking at him. He ponders who the boy in the mirror his and therefore wonders who **he** himself is. Who am I? The thought is terrifying so he goes rushing to his mum who is peeling the spuds at the kitchen sink.

“Mum, mum who am I?” Without missing a beat she calmly continues peeling the spuds and replies ‘You know who you are darling. She repeats his name and address.

‘No No’ he tugs at her apron insisting that his mother has not understood the question and the urgency of his feeling.

Mother now puts down the potato and the peeler and wipes her hands on her apron. Sits down at the table and hoists him onto her knee. She looks him straight in the eye and gives him

the answer that he is really looking for.

‘You are a child of God and you are infinitely precious in his sight.

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And next time **you** look in the mirror... you might remember....

Next Weeks Homily

Ambushed

Fr. David's easy quiz

The square piece of linen that the chalice is placed on at the Eucharist is called

- A paten
- A corporal
- A purificator
- A lavabo towel

Fr. David's hard quiz

The Patron saint of sheep is

- St. Drongo
- St. Drogo
- St. David
- St. Wilberforce.

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: None of the above

Hard quiz: St Servatius

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.

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.

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 August 29th at 10am in our meeting room. All are very welcome with ideas, refinements and suggestions.

Go the winners. On Grand

Final day, the 26th of September, we will be having one of our famous Coles sausage sizzles.

One thing by the end of August

There is an idea that when there is a 5th Sunday in the month, that the Sunday morning service be rotated around our centres. Trying to think through the practicalities of this... it would need a cheerful willingness for folk to travel to another centre for worship. Please let Fr. David know if you would be prepared to do this ... By the end of August.

It's time to sign up for a lectionary. A lectionary will be supplied for each of our parish centres but if you would like your own take home copy please sign up at the back of Christ Church Hamilton or see Fr. David.

Dates for your diary

- ❖ Our Annual Pet Blessing October 11th
- ❖ Synod October 23/24
- ❖ Clergy Retreat November 2nd - 6th
- ❖ Our Parish Fete November 7th
- ❖ Glenthompson Christmass Carols and market December 6th 6:30pm

At the annual meeting you elected:

Stewart Otton, Gavin Wallis and

Graeme Mustow to be your parish nominators. You are warmly encouraged to contact them (preferably in writing) with any thoughts about a new priest. Please remember it is your parish.

After November 22nd Bishop Scott will be overseeing ministry and Deacon Jannie will be the first point of contact for pastoral emergencies. (p 0420 283 809)

The parish mobile phone 0435 867 040 will retire.

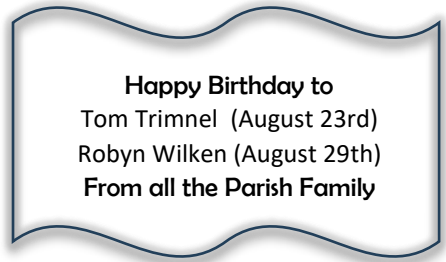
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask

Daylight saving

begins in the early hours of Sunday 4th of October. This means that the first Saturday night Vigil at 6pm will be Saturday 10th of October. The first Sunday mass at All Saints Penshurst at 5:00pm will be on Sunday 25th of October

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.



TODAY'S HYMNS			
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**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**

Come and join us for afternoon tea on
Sunday 6th September, 2026 - 2:30pm

at the

Hamilton Exhibition and Conference Centre
Shakespeare Street, Hamilton

to celebrate

Rev. David Schulz's

**service to God over the past 20 years at the
Hamilton Presbyterian Church**

Church service 10 am at HPC, McIntyre Street, Hamilton

RSVP by 16th August to: davidschulzretirement@gmail.com

Cost for afternoon tea - Adults \$10 per head - under 16 free

Services for this week

Wednesday	26th August	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	29th August	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	30th August	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

*Reader 1: John Reader 2: Stewart Intercessor: Helen R Sidesmen: Glenys P & Jenny
Eucharist Assistant: Jannie or fill in*