



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### 6th September 2026

**Sentence:** Matthew 18.20

‘Where two or three are gathered in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘I am there among them.’

#### **Collect**

Go before us, O Lord, with your most gracious favour and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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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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' Peshurst**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup> This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup> If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup> This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup> This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 149*

1. O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.
2. **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**
3. Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.
4. **For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.**
5. Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.
6. **Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,**
7. To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples,
8. To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron,
9. **To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants.**

**Praise the Lord.**

*2nd Reading Romans 13.1-10*

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. <sup>3</sup> For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; <sup>4</sup> for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do

what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. <sup>6</sup> For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. <sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. <sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law..

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia**

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18.10-20*

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**

<sup>10</sup> 'Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. <sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone

astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?' <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. <sup>15</sup> 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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

'God of the little ones'... is... 'hear our prayer'  
God of the little ones... **hear our prayer**

God's Son became a little child. Let us pray to him who knows our every weakness.  
For Garry our Bishop and Scott who assists Him. For our board of electors and our parish nominators. That God's will may always be done.

*God of the little ones... **hear our prayer***

For the Church in Papua New Guinea and those

who worship under the threat of persecution that they may be given courage and patience  
*God of the little ones... hear our prayer*

That the courts and governments of our land may seek equality, justice and peace for all peoples  
*God of the little ones... hear our prayer*

That the Jesus of love and compassion may be present in the midst of families and households, experiencing times of difficulty and pain.  
*God of the little ones... hear our prayer*

That the sick, suffering, the poor, broken, despondent and all God's little ones; that they may find among us reconciling hope and healing  
*God of the little ones... hear our prayer*

For those who have died alone with no one to pray for them that they may see the face of the Father in heaven.  
*God of the little ones... hear our prayer*

We make our prayers as your little children confident of the Fathers love.

## **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**

Kathleen Jenkins, Dulce Stewart, Geoffrey Austin, Olga Winfield, John Cameron, Mona Sutton, Dorothy Jelleff, Arthur Drew, Anna Hornby, Hugh Mallinson, Lorna Shultz, Phyllis Bridle, Charles Watt, Keith Lakeman, Douglas Picket, Robert Reid's heart/lung donor, Rita

Edwards, Mary Ezard,

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

- The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- Brisbane: Abp Jeremy Greaves, Assistants: Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman
- Bunbury: Ian Coutts
- St John's Ballarat: Chris Keast & Wayne Sheean (assisting). Licensed Lay Ministers.
- Fikombaro
- Parents, children & health care workers affected by abortion.  
All involved in nuclear non-proliferation

## **Today's Homily**

### **The little ones**

This is one of those many homilies that is about no one in particular but a collage of people who I have had the privilege of trying to care for over the years.

It began I guess with a topic in college called 'Interpersonal aspects of ministry'. The lecture hall or the place of learning, was Hillcrest hospital for the mentally ill in Adelaide. Each week we had the undeserved privilege of entering the wards and engaging with those who were mentally unwell.

I never once feared for my physical well being but the content of the conversations ensured that I always finished the day exhausted and completely wrung dry. There was nothing left and I snored long and loud at night time.

Over the years there have always been a smattering of these little ones. At least one in every parish. Sometimes I found them, but usually the reverse has been true. They have always found me.

The trick with this sort of ministry is that you can't schedule into your diary like you can a

Parish Council meeting or the Coles Sausage sizzle. So always at the most unexpected and inconvenient moment. Guess what?... And always when my mind and emotions have been in a safe, predictable, secure three dimensional world and everything is ticking over as it should, the phone went and I found myself thrust into a 7.6 dimensional world where our solid rule book of surety and certainty is not put quietly away in its correct place on the living room bookshelf, rather it is ripped up into shreds, burnt irretrievably to ashes and the remains are convincingly buried and its place is known no more.

Part of these tortured souls' world is that they often see spiritual things that are hidden from the rest of us plebs. What they are encountering does seem delusional and impossible for us, but for them it can be a terrifying or blissful reality.

I don't know if these are exclusively the 'little ones' referred to in today's gospel but I think they are part of the liquorice all sorts mix that the Master ministered too.

The gospel is quite clear that I should not despise one of these little ones no matter what hour of the night I'm contacted, no matter what is asked of me, no matter what I am confronted with. But irritated I have been and always,... always in these situations, I have felt so hideously and helpless out of my depth. I am so lost. This is big complex medical stuff and the science of it belongs to those who are properly trained academically and socially interactively. In other words they have the finely honed interpersonal skills to assess, diagnose and treat. I reckon it's a vocation. You don't do this sort of work for kicks.

The other half of the quote from the masters lips is as follows.

For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.

Mmmm... so these little ones have their own angels in heaven who not only keep watch over them but also see the face of the Father in heaven.

And we learn again that angels on this side of the grave and the other are for real. Whether they have white fluffy wings, halos above their head and play a pretty mean harp was a matter for late night conjecture at the end of a serious theological student party. Odd that I can't quite seem to remember what we decided the dress code of angel was or is, but the strawberry milkshakes were voluminous and the pizzas were delicious and tasty.

What to draw out of these experiences? That perhaps in my helpless drowning in the experience of this often unseen and bizarre ministry, I am very open to the possibility that I might just happen to be one of the little ones. And if I am then I have guardian angels who not only see me but gaze upon the face of my father in heaven.

Something else to think about. Having arrived safely home and everything snaps back to the safe, predictable, secure, three dimensional world and everything is ticking over as it should I have muttered to myself

'What was that all about?' A rhetorical question with no answer. Perhaps in this and so much more that is mysterious and dumbfounding, maybe in those moments when I am not fully reliant on myself and I am cast adrift on the ether of God's dimension, perhaps it is then that the angels are closest and most real.

When I am at the altar, I do not remember these folk as often as I could; but I should, because the liturgy makes it quite obvious. 'Therefore with angels and archangels' and we could add 'and with little ones'

Their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. And one of these days...

I shall see things as they really are, I will see  
Him as he truly is and see myself as I am..  
forever and ever amen

## Next Weeks Homily

From our heart

## Fr. David's easy quiz

The dedication of our Church at Cavendish is

- St. Luke
- St. Matthew
- St. Mark
- St. John
- St. Peter.

## Fr. David's hard quiz

The large priest host that is used on Sunday morning is usually broken up into

- 10 pieces
- 12 pieces
- 20 pieces
- 24 pieces
- any number Fr. David chooses on the day depending on how he's feeling.

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

Easy quiz: Actually we don't know

Hard quiz: Alice Knight

## 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 Sunday October 4th after Mass 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. Thank you to those who have kindly agreed to cook sausages and make this all happen.

## 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.

## TRIVIA NIGHT- October 16th at 7pm.

Back by popular demand and to help our Treasurer balance the books!!

More Information to come

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## Dates for your diary

- ❖ Our Annual Pet Blessing October 11<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ Trivia Night October 16th
- ❖ Synod October 23/24
- ❖ Clergy Retreat November 2nd - 6th
- ❖ Our Parish Fete November 7th
- ❖ Glenthompson Christmass Carols and market December 6th 6:30pm

## **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.

## **MU Meeting**

Monday 7th September at 1.30pm  
All welcome in the Church Hall meeting room.

**The next little bit of annual leave** that Jeanine and Fr. David will be using up runs from September 18th to Tuesday 29th.

## **DEFIBRILLATOR-**

As discussed and announced after the Parish Council meeting on August 20th. This will be placed in the East Porch and available for public use.

If you have a medical episode in church the ambulance will be called- but if you do not wish to have the defibrillator used, please let fellow congregation members know- NOW.

This will enable us all to respect everyone's wishes as much as possible.

## **Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>**

is significant and exciting  
Parish Council meets at 5:30pm and the Outreach Committee meets at 1:30pm

## **Diocesan Consultation Survey**

### **The search for the Next Bishop of Ballarat**

At each church there are copies of the survey which you may complete voluntarily and anonymously. **There is also one for children.** Please return your completed survey by 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2026. It should only take 7-10 minutes. The return address is on the back of the survey.

**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**

Hatti Mumullen (September 9th)

Steve Gregory (September 10th)

Elaine Smith (September 11th)

Gladys Frost (September 12th)

**From all the Parish Family**

**TODAY'S HYMNS**

310

99

254

177

**Services for this week**

|           |                |                        |                         |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday | 9th September  | Holy Communion 10.00am | Christ Church Hamilton  |
| Saturday  | 12th September | Vigil 5.00pm           | Christ Church Hamilton  |
| Sunday    | 13th September | Eucharist 9.00am       | St Peter's Glenthompson |
|           |                | Eucharist 10.30am      | Christ Church Hamilton  |

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