



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

18th October 2026

TODAY'S HYMNS			
119	338	194	522

Sentence: Luke 10:2

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ask therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Collect

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son: graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

St Mark's Cavendish

All Saints' Penshurst

²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people! O that I had in the desert a traveller's lodging-place, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, a band of traitors. They bend their tongues like bows; they have grown strong in the land for falsehood, and not for truth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they do not know me, says the Lord

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 145.10-18

10. All creation praises you, O Lord: and your faithful servants bless your name.

11. They speak of the glory of your kingdom: and tell of your great might,

12. That the whole earth may know your mighty acts: and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and your dominion endures through all generations.

14. The Lord upholds all those who stumble: and raises up those that are bowed down.

15. The eyes of all look to you in hope: and you give them their food in due season;

16. You open wide your hand: and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

17. The Lord is just in all his ways: and faithful in all his dealings.

18. The Lord is near to all who call upon him: to all who call upon him in truth.

⁹ Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰ for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. ¹² I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. ¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. ¹⁵ You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. ¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you..

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Matthew Luke 10.1-9

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the

Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

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:

We pray to the Lord is Lord, hear our prayer

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the Church:

For our Bishop Scott our administrator and all church leaders, that they may lead and guide the faithful with wisdom, charity and steadfast devotion to the Gospel.

*We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer***

For Physicians and Healthcare Workers:

As St. Luke was a beloved physician, we pray for all doctors, nurses, researchers, and medical professionals. May their skill, patience, and compassion bring physical and mental healing to all who suffer.

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our**

prayer

For Missionaries and Evangelists:

For all missionaries, writers, broadcasters, and those who spread the Word of God across the world, that they may proclaim Christ with courage and clarity.

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer**

For the Sick and the Suffering:

Following the example of Jesus the Divine Physician, we pray for the sick, the shut-ins, the brokenhearted, and all who feel forgotten or marginalized. May they experience God's comfort and mercy.

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer**

For Students and Schools:

For all students and educators in our community, that the Lord may guide them in their studies, bless their efforts, and keep them safe through this final term

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer**

For Our Faithful Departed:

For those who have died in the faith, especially our loved ones and parishioners, that they may find eternal rest and joy in the presence of God.

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer**

For Our Personal Intentions:

For the quiet intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts... (1, ... 2, ... 3...)

We pray to the Lord **Lord, hear our prayer**

Almighty and merciful God, you called Saint Luke to reveal your love and healing power to the world. Hear the prayers we place before you today, and grant us the grace to follow

your Son with steadfast hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
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

John Pearce, Anthony Campbell, Kenneth Luke, Annie Fowler, William Worthy, Sybil Uren, Sidney Buchanan, Valerie Degaris, John Hughan, Daisy Burgess, Clarice Murch, Alexander Boyd, Mary Falkenberg, John Rowe, Robert Critten, Frank Uren, John Forbes, Arthur Bowen, Margaret Pitman, Alan Barker, Malcolm White, Gweneth Christie, Sadie Ross, Roslyn Rideout, Joseph Peters, Claudine Evans, James Vaughan

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- The Church of Bangladesh
- All those involved in Police Chaplaincy throughout the Diocese.
All those involved in Chaplaincy for the CFA & the SES throughout the Diocese.
- Togban
- Those involved in IVF technology.
- Members of medical ethical committees.

Today's Homily

This year St. Luke's day falls on a Sunday so it's an ideal opportunity to have a bit of refresher about St. Luke and about his gospel.

Here's what we know about him. He was a young doctor, very likely in Antioch. St. Paul calls him a "beloved physician" (Col 4:14). At some point, however, it appears to have

occurred at Troas, he began to accompany St. Paul. So he gave up his medical career in order to become a "co-worker" of St. Paul. He loyally stays with St. Paul until the bitter end, being the sole coworker in prison with the apostle at the end of his life. There's no indication at all that he was a leading light during St. Paul's missionary journeys. He was simply a companion and a helper. But after St. Paul died, he wrote down for a friend — Theophilus, which might have been one person, or many — what he remembered. He had no way of knowing that here in Western Victoria we would be reading his gospel. He just wanted to share the faith and God did the rest. Then he continued the story with a second book, a sequel, about how the Holy Spirit came down on the apostles and the early Church to continue Jesus' mission.

St. Luke wanted to write things down so that we would be certain about the things of the faith. Through the lens of St. Luke's gospel we see very clearly that the Master is above all mercy full. We see this by remembering some of the things that are unique to Luke Gospel. Some of The details about John the Baptist's conception and birth. The scenes of the Annunciation, Visitation, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the Finding of Jesus in the Temple. The beautiful scene of the raising of the only son of the widow of Nain. And without St. Luke we wouldn't have entered Bethany with Jesus to hear Jesus' words to Martha and Mary about choosing the better part and the one thing necessary. We wouldn't have the scene of the healing of the ten lepers, the encounter with Zacchaeus, Jesus' interrogation by Herod, or two of Jesus' seven last words. We wouldn't have the scene of Emmaus, which in some sense summarises all that Jesus continues to want to do in the Church. To walk with Him to converse with Him, to break bread with him and then to go and tell others.

St. Luke's gospel is all about how Christ has come as the Divine Physician to share his healing mercy with us and this is very good news. In Zechariah's Benedictus the point is how the "Lord ... has visited and brought redemption to his people," he has come "to show mercy to our fathers" and John would "go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace." And in Mary's Magnificat, Mary exclaims that God's "mercy is from age to age to those who fear him" and that he has "helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers." We see his mercy in the Parables of the Good Samaritan, the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son, all unique to Luke. We see the importance of mercy in the blithe omissions of the Rich Man with Lazarus at his gates. We see Jesus' will to forgive seen in the scenes with the grateful leper, with Zacchaeus, and with the Good Thief. We hear it in his crying out from Calvary, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

On this day, we give thanks to God for St. Luke who reminds us that we love a merciful God. It's also a bit of nudge for us to become St. Luke's in our own place and time. No matter who we are, God wants us to accompany him and his apostles. He wants us first to become their coworkers. He wants us to use whatever skills we have to pass on the faith. If we're truly friends of God, then we can't help but speak of him to the Theophiluses of our own day. As one Christian leader put it. "What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known? We know well that with Jesus, life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to

find meaning in everything. This is why we evangelise."

On this feast of St. Luke, it's important for us, as friends of Jesus, to seek to make him known and loved, to speak of his splendour, of his love, of his grace, and the difference it makes in our life.

Next Weeks Homily

Moses Mountain Misery Moment

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

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.

Dates for your diary

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

So next time you're at the Supermarket...

Think about what you would like to win in the raffle at the Fete and slip that delicious thing into your trolley and leave n the kitchen.

Thursday October 15th

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

St Peter's Anglican Church

News

Firstly, you may have noticed that the roof of St Peter's is being replaced and that at night there is a spotlight on the beautiful Lemon Scented Gum tree in the grounds of the church. We hope that you like our improvements.

And now I draw your attention to a few more occasions on our calendar.

On November 14th and 15th we will have a Christmas stall in combination with the "Created Works of Art" which this year will be held in the Memorial Hall opposite St Peter's. There will be cakes, puddings, jams, jellies and other items suitable for Christmas presents as well as delicious Devonshire Cream teas. Held over two days, this is an annual fair and always proves to be popular.

The next is advance notice of "The Glen Christmas Carols". **Revised date:** This year the service will be on December 13th at 6:30 pm. We will have a twilight barbeque with a celebratory drink and a very special Children's Christmas Stall after the carols. This is to be a nothing over \$5 stall to encourage children to buy suitable little Christmas gifts for their parents and siblings. We can also supervise "gift wrapping" if required by the children. We hope you and your families can attend both occasions and will be delighted to welcome everyone.

We are keeping All Souls

day this year on **Saturday 31st of October and November 1st** We seek your help in compiling the list of those who we are to pray for. Please **print clearly** the names of people that you would like remembered on this special day on the clipboard at the back of the Church or see Fr. David

Your local trusty clergy

people are on retreat from Monday 2nd of November until Friday 6th of November. No Wednesday Eucharist on November 4th

Socks and other S things for Synod.

This year Anglicare is collecting Socks, Shampoo, Soap and Soup. We will be taking your donation up to Synod on Friday October 23rd. Please use the specially designated basket for your donation or give them to Fr. David.

Relocation

The date for our final Sunday has been relocated from November 22nd to November 15th. The Eucharist starts at 10:30am and is the only service in the parish for that weekend. Then we will be relocating to Miners Rest. Everyone is very welcome. Jeanine and Fr. David

And on Saturday October 31st at 10am

We will meet to finalise Fete things. Sort some books & clean out the top storage room.

On Remembrance day

there will be a special Eucharist at 10am to pray for our war dead. All are welcome.

One piano to give away.

Jeanine and Fr. David have an old piano to give away. It needs a bit of work and would make a great first learning piano. If you are able to collect it, it is yours. Please contact Fr. David

Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 18th October 2026

Speak out

‘Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy’

(Proverbs 31:9)

When you attend church, you soon become aware of the large number of organisations and missions set up by Christians to care for those who are in great need. This is a wonderful thing, and it reflects the obedience of so many people to the word of God. It is not long before you become the recipient of many pleas for financial help by such organisations. You cannot help all, but that does not mean that you should not help some. It may be a good idea to take one or two of these wonderful ministries and to support them generously. We can become deeply interested in what they are doing and grow in our knowledge of specific human need. Of course, when a catastrophe occurs, such as the recent disaster in Nepal, we should not hesitate to offer more help. We may not be in a position to give large sums of money, but it is not the size which matters as much as the knowledge that as we have been loved by God, so should we love those around us.

Question for thought: Am I a generous person because God has been generous to me?

Heavenly Father, we pray for members in the Dioceses of High Veld and Kimberley and Kuruman in South Africa where many families face significant challenges including unemployment, crime and domestic violence. We give thanks that members show your love as they care and support those who are struggling. Amen.

Nine Lessons and Carols service

at Christ Church Hamilton

Sunday December 20th at 7:00pm.

All are very welcome.

Fr. David's Easy Quiz

In addition to his gospel St. Luke also wrote

- The letter to the Galatians
- The book of Revelation
- The book of Acts
- Actually the gospel was enough and he didn't write anything else at all.

Fr. David's Hard Quiz

St. Luke met Our Lord

- Twice. Once at Cana and once at Bethlehem
- Was one of the 12 and so met him lots of times.
- Once only at the healing of St. Peter's Mother in law.
- Actually, he never met him at all.

St Peter's Glenthompson

On the first Sunday of every month the office of Morning Prayer is said at St Peter's. But this November we will be visited by Bishop Scott Lowery from Warrnambool for an 11.00am Holy Communion Service.

Neil and Earlene Gellert are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and we are all invited to join the celebration at church, followed by a cup of tea and a piece of anniversary cake. Neil and Earlene invite everyone to this happy occasion

Happy Birthday to
Sue Mustow (October 21st)
Win Henderson (October 23rd)
From all the Parish Family

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

My home phone and mobile number will retire.
The Parish has a new mobile number for
Pastoral care contact.

The new mobile number is 0437 229 249
Starting date is 15th of October.

I must thank all who are so supportive to me
while we get used to having myself and visiting
clergy especially during the transition while
Father David retires.

Also that in future I will be having Monday
and Tuesdays as my days of
Deacon Jannie

So next time you're at the Supermarket...

Think about what you
would like to win in the raffle at the Fete and
slip that delicious thing into your trolley and
leave n the kitchen. Please leave these items in
the kitchen in the parish hall.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT	September	August	July
Income	9,371	7,728	11,107
Expenditure	14,200	13,599	14,238
Deficit	4,829	5,871	3,131

These numbers are calculated after quarantining a recent bequest of \$27,000.
Projecting these numbers forward indicates a potential deficit of around \$55,000 for the
financial year. To put this into context, the deficit could be negated if 60 parishioners
each increased their giving by \$18 per week OR \$9 per week if we returned the above
bequest to general revenue.
Also, there will be some fund-raising activity during this financial year.

Services for this week

Wednesday	21st October	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	24th October	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	25th October	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 5.00pm	All Saints' Peshurst
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Todd *Reader 2:* Linley *Intercessor:* Nicole *Sidesmen:* Ian & Heather
Eucharist Assistant: John