



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

4th October 2026

TODAY'S HYMNS

569 464 560 514

Sentence: Philippians 3.13b–14

Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, let us press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Collect

Almighty God, your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders, and, by your doing, he has been made the chief cornerstone: grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us, we may become living stones built up into your dwelling place, a temple holy and acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

St Mark's Cavendish

All Saints' Peshurst

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
2. **One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**
3. There is no speech or language: nor are

4. their voices heard;
5. **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**
6. There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
7. **Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
8. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
9. **The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**
10. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
11. **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**
12. Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.
13. **Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**
14. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
15. **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

2nd Reading Philippians 3.4b-14

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for

confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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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 21.33-46

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

³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ ⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’ ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet..

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The respond to the bidding::

Lord Jesus..... is ...receive our prayers

Lord Jesus...**receive our prayers**

Lord Heavenly Father, we thank you that, through your Son Jesus, you have written your commandments upon our hearts. Grant us, by your Holy Spirit, the will to follow your leading in all we think, say and do.

We pray for the church for Bishop Garry, Bishop Scott, Fr David our vicar and all others who serve in the Diocese of Ballarat. May they be led by your Holy Spirit and cheerfully proclaim your glorious salvation. Prepare and go before David and Jeanine in their retirement. We entrust our parish unto you and pray for wisdom and encouragement in all our decisions. Lord provide the person of your choosing to lead us into the future.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

For all students as they return to school for Term 4. May they be focused in their learning and social interactions. For all teachers in their responsibility and guidance of students.

Lord Jesus....receive our prayers

For all those working in Emergency services, the Police, Paramedics and Firemen. Protect and keep them alert and safe in their duties. We remember those who have been lost in the line of duty. For all Health workers serving our community. Give them strength, integrity and compassion in their duties.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

We rejoice in the wonders of your creation, and the awakening of life in Spring. We pray for wisdom in the stewardship that you have

entrusted to us.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

We commend our families into your loving care. Help us to work together in harmony and love.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

We pray for all who are suffering, the sick, the poor and the homeless. Please minister to them according to their needs.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

We pray for Peace throughout the world and for a general thirst for Truth and Wisdom.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

We give thanks for those who have gone before us whom we commend into your gracious hands.

Lord Jesus...receive our prayers

All these things we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who loves and cares for us.

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

Edna Laidlaw, Terry Nelson, Leonard Stidwell, Jean Hume, Valerie Read, Gordon Rooke, Ethel Denny, Francis Dunstan, Richard Cox, Douglas Kelly, Wallace Hudgso, Ruth Abbott, Raymond Povey, May Rippon, Hazel Norris, Maude Jones, Eric Hutchins, Alice Lakeman, Blanche Cooper, Evelyn Kerr, Edith Coley, Olive Millard, Laurence Ezard, Dorthy Harrison, William Chapple

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

Hear the word of the Lord

The Master was a skilful story teller. It was his main method of teaching and we still use his stories today.

In the gospel set down for this weekend He tells a real rip snorter and it finds its mark, in part, because the setting is very familiar to his listeners who are the religious leaders of the day. The setting is a vineyard and vineyards crop up on more than one occasion which makes me think that he must have been familiar with at least one winery or maybe he just got chatting to the folk who were running the wedding reception at Cana.

The audience he is addressing is the local clergy, parish wardens, maybe even the parish nominators and the board of electors.

In today's parable the owner puts a heck of a lot of work into establishing a really good vineyard.

He puts a wall around it, digs a winepress in it and builds a watchtower. But his choice of tenants is not as fastidious. They turn out to be a great disappointment to him and that is me politely understating it.

When the owner of the vineyard sends some folk and asks for the fruit, the tenants seize his servants, beat one, kill another, and stone a third.

Ever patient and persistent to reap what is rightfully his, the owner sends more people and this next lot of debt collectors are treated in the same way and also meet a grizzly end.

Finally the owner sends his son and instead of showing respect and honour they see this from a different perspective altogether. This is their big chance to make a takeover bid for this prize winning winery.

Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they take the son and throw him out of the vineyard and kill him too.

Their sense of entitlement and propriety is as gob smacking as it is ludicrous.

The local clergy, parish wardens, the parish nominators and the board of electors are listening intently to this enthralling little story. So far, so good.. But then the master does something ... um... master-full

He turns, looks them in the eye and in a firm and dulcet non threatening way asks them a question.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

And that is when the fuse finally meets the powder and the things explode.

For our little cluster of Holy ones realise who the parable is really about. This story is all about and is for ...them.

A few things to ruminate on.

The master knows exactly what is going to happen to Him. He makes it very clear that he will die at their hands and this is one of the things that stirs me and makes me uncomfortable every Lent. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem he knows that each step takes him closer to place of his own crucifixion.

The religious leaders of the day know this too. They can see that the little, loving, truth telling man in front of them is to prepared to embrace his death at their own hands. All the cards are

all clearly face up and on the table here.

It's almost as if Our Lord is saying...Come on folks... We all know what's really going on here. We all know what you are going to do. We all know that you will bruise me and crush me.

We all know that I lay down my life of my own free will and I will allow you to do this because I love you; because of this I will be and I am, the cornerstone. The foundation of love that is unshakable, the gates of the underworld of sin and hate and fear and greed will be vanquished. The empire of retribution and greed turned to rubble and out of the dust, love will rise triumphant.'

There is good news here for us today. The fruit and the triumph and glory are not ours to keep to ourselves but have always belonged to the owner. It should be enough for us to simply turn up to the vineyard and enjoy the privilege of working for Him who wants us to be there.

Similarly, if there are mistakes and failures, disappointments and frustrations, even when we have tried our best, then we are not to be too hard on ourselves. We are not the owners of the vineyard. No-one expects us to save the universe, sort out the parish finances, bring peace on earth and good will to all people, persuade God to come as our Bishop and lure the Blessed Virgin Mary to become our next parish priest. We just get on, do and be the faithful tenants we have always been called to be, gaining wisdom and experience with each passing mistake.

Finally,... at the end of the readings we have a simple statement and response.

'Hear the word of the Lord' and the response 'Thanks be to God.'

We listen, sometimes a little more attentively than other times, but sometimes we don't hear and sometimes don't take it to ourselves and amend our lives accordingly.

The religious leaders of the day understood that this parable was explicitly and implicitly for them. They get it.

And if they can hear it, if they can understand it ... If they can get it... then why can't I?

Hear the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Next Weeks Homily

All dogs go to heaven... or do they?

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

Fr. David's favorite chip is

- Chilli
- Plain salt
- Salt and vinegar
- Cheesy mite
- All of the above

Fr. David's hard quiz

Bishop Scott takes over as Administrator of the Diocese...

- The moment Bishop Garry lays his staff on the altar
- When Bishop Garry walks out of the Cathedral. (probably about 12:30pm on the 3rd of October).
- At 12:01am on the 3rd of October
- At 12:01am on Sunday 4th of October
- Whenever he feels like it.

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: Christ The King

Hard quiz: 7 years

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.

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.

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.

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

Dates for your diary

- ❖ Our Annual Pet Blessing October 11th
- ❖ 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

Thursday October 15th

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

Roster

New rosters are at the back of Christ Church

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, jellys 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”. This year the service will be on December 6th 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.

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.

From + Scott

I would like to invite parishes, organisations and individuals to contribute to the Diocesan Retirement gift for + Garry. He recently said “ that he has loved being the Bishop of Ballarat”.

We have also appreciated his wisdom, humour and episcopal care over 15 years. If you would like to make a donation towards his retirement gift please make a direct deposit as follows or contact the Registry to make other arrangements.

Details:

Account Name: Ballarat Anglican Diocesan Corporation

BSB: 633 000

Account #: 155 020 977

Reference: Bishops Retirement Gift

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

TRIVIA NIGHT

On Friday October 16th in the Church Hall – starting at 7pm.

Tables of 10- \$10 per head.

Please bring your own nibbles/ drinks and supper.

Bookings to Susan Mason. If you cannot fill a table with friends etc just let me know and I will place you on a table.

This is always a fun night!!- emphasis is on a good night out and not the actual Trivia.

Susan Mason 0408528781

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
Meredith Otton (October 7th)
From all the Parish Family

Services for this week

Wednesday	7th October	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	10th October	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	11th October	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter’s Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton
<i>Reader 1: Gladys Reader 2: David B Intercessor: Meredith Sidesmen: Judy & Ken</i>			
<i>Eucharist Assistant: Susan</i>			