

Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
15th November 2026

Sentence: . 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

Collect
Everliving God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson St Mark's Cavendish All Saints' Penshurst

1st Reading: Judges 4.1-10

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord , after Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. 4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord , the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' 8 Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 90.1-8; 90.12

1. Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

2. Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be:from eternity to eternity you are God.

3. You turn us back into dust: saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

4. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.

5. You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning;

6. In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up.

7. And we are consumed by your anger: because of your indignation we cease to be.

8. You have brought our iniquities before you: and our secret sins to the light of your countenance.

12. Teach us so to number our days: that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a

helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life
Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 21:1-14

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

[1] After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. [2] Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. [3] Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. [4] Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. [5] Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' [6] He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. [7] That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. [8] But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yard off. [9] When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. [10] Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' [11] So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. [12] Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. [13] Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. [14] This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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 Lord… is ..Please answer our prayers

Dear Lord…**Please answer our prayers**

We pray for everyone and animals who are being affected by earthquakes, floods, droughts and starvation around the world that you Lord help them to overcome their circumstances. We especially pray for the farmers around Hamilton and Western Victoria that you Lord provide rain for their dams and feed for their animals.
*Dear Lord…**Please answer our prayers***

We pray for Bishop Scott and his family and everyone in the Diocese of Ballarat and their

families that you Lord keep them healthy and safe from harm. We especially pray for the people in the Parish of Hamilton that you Lord keep them healthy and safe from harm and we especially pray for Fr David for his faithful and caring Service for the last 7 years to us and Jeanine for her ministry. We thank them for their friendship and wonderful support to this Parish and wish them a very happy and safe retirement and future. We also pray for Jannie Ryan for her wonderful service to this Parish.
*Dear Lord…**Please answer our prayers***

We pray for the recently Departed and their families that you Lord enfold them in your warm embrace.
*Dear Lord…**Please answer our prayers***

We pray for our families and friends who are suffering from ill health that you Lord help them to overcome their illness
*Dear Lord…**Please answer our prayers***

Lord Jesus please listen to and answer our prayers and guide 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, JudyTrompf

For Those Who Have Died

Years Mind

Edith Flower, Elizabeth Robertson, Maxwell Moore, Mary, Schofield Keith Clarke, George Anagnostow, Allan Letts, Tom Turner, Philip Vaughan, S Richardson, Marie Totlock, Henry Brattle, Douglas Anderson, Joel Milton,

Today's Homily

So long and thanks for all the fish

In a sense every parish is the same and every parish is different. Each brings its own triumphs, its own challenges, its own joys and its own love.

This last parish was the same because it had people. Living, fallible, loveable, enjoyable human beings with all their chips and flaws, all with their sparkle and glee; and all with their weeping and chortling.

This parish was different in that I learnt to divide myself at least 5 ways and muck about in five different ponds with the fish I was sent to catch. Glenthompson, Cavendish, Hamilton, Dunkeld and Penshurst. Five quite distinct puddles each with its own quirks and fascination. When I was a school chaplain I was a tiny minnow in a very big ocean and there were many ferocious sharks and whales who operated in a lot of different ways.

In parish life you are often the big fish in the little pond particularly when you stay awhile and connections with the fish are formed and strengthened and enhanced over time. And then you discover to your glee that actually some of your best fishing happens down aisle number 7 in the chips and chocolate section of the supermarket where you learn that there is a pastoral need about Fish Great Aunt Flo who you actually thought was doing rather well.

So at one level people were and are fish. I will make you fishers of men. Some, many in fact, were already swimming with me and often they swam far in front, skilled and magnificent in their spirituality. Others were strugglers and battlers like me. Some fish flittered tantalisingly around the edges; elusive, desirable and taunting in their nearness. It took me far too long to realise that they were probably a lot closer to the things of God than what I thought and that they could teach me a

thing or 6 about how to be caught and enjoy yourself in the struggle.

At a different level there are other fish. These were the conversations, some seemingly inane but always engaging. Something unseen and unnoticed was happening while we were chattering about chooks, footy teams, lambing and the weather. Who was sick who wasn't and who was moving where and when and why.

Little wisps of conversations that flickered and shone in the light of the waters of parish life. There were the giggles and there were the tears, again so plentiful, schools of them, like fish that clustered around each other and there were always more there than what you realised. Raucous, uninhibited laughter. Annoying tears that rushed unwanted and uninvited to the surface. Lovely fish, some easily distinguishable, some hidden many more completely unseen which is as it should be.

These all created the memories I call fish. I have a bountiful catch that I will always treasure and rejoice in and my hope is that you do too.

So for the last 7 Years I have dived cheerfully into the big ponds and little ponds of the parish. I have discovered lots of fish, but far more found me than what I ever realised.

I have mucked around in the waters of Glenthompson, Cavendish, Hamilton, Dunkeld and Penshurst. I have also mucked around in the washing up water of the kitchen sink, washing dishes for you and with you. Splashing around in the chattering and the soap suds. Whacko. What fun and we were so blessed, are so blessed and will be so blessed. So many fish on so many levels.

The last word should never go to the priest because it is never really about them. Sure, some clergy would like to think it is and are jolly good at kidding themselves and some laity think that it is about the vicar. But it isn't really. It never was. It never will be.

In the gospel this morning The Risen Master has had a wonderful BBQ breakfast with the disciples he loves. So many fish. 153 of them to be exact. Right at the end there is a very poignant, personal interchange between Peter and Jesus… and then that's it.

I've often wondered what happened after. Did he simply walk off and leave the others and Fr. David to do the dishes? I think not. I've always imagined the Master to be a man of manners, so at the very least I think he would have gone back with Peter to the others to say adieu. What words would he choose in this little, temporary goodbye to say to those who he had served and loved.

'I'll see you later.

I'll see you there?' Mmm.. better…

Or maybe… given the delightful and fun time they had enjoyed together over the years, He would simply look them tenderly in the eye and say.

So long and thanks for all the fish.

Thought for the day

"It is better to have Reverend nobody than Reverend wrong body"

Another thought for today

It is hard to find clergy
It is harder to find good clergy
It is harder still to find good clergy who will come
And it is a miracle to find good clergy who will come and stay.

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

Glenthompson Christmass Carols and market December 13th 6:30pm

St Peter's Anglican Church News

Advance notice of "The Glen Christmas Carols". 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.

Nine Lessons and Carols service at Christ Church Hamilton

Sunday December 20th at 7:00pm.
All are very welcome.

Fr. David's Easy Quiz

The next vicar will probably wear

- an alb
- a chasuble
- a stole
- a girdle
- all of the above
- none of the above

Fr. David's Hard Quiz

The thing Fr. David will miss most is..

- The rectory
- The churches
- Mowing the lawns
- YOU

The answers from last week's quiz were:
Easy quiz: A mitre
Hard quiz: Andrew

Christmas cards

MU have Christmas Cards for sale $8 for 10 mixed cards. Contact Linley 0428 582 152

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 November.
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

Meet your next parish priest.

Copies available at the back of Christ Church

Food Donations

At a meeting early this year the Parish Council lamented that the food donations for Anglicare do not benefit the people of Hamilton.
The Council resolved that food donations for the months of November and December only be directed to the local Salvation Army to assist with their Christmas hamper donations to the people of Hamilton who need assistance.
Please continue to give generously so that we can support our own community at this time.

If you would like to give to Anglicare then please use the specially marked container. We won't be grump



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
Irene Edwards (November18th)
From all the Parish Family

TODAY'S HYMNS

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Services for this week

Wednesday	18th November	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	21st November	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	22nd November	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
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Reader 1: John *Reader 2*: Heather *Intercessor*: Helen R *Sidesmen:* Gavin & Elizabeth
Eucharist Assistant: Jannie or fill-in