# Anglican Parish of Hamilton
# First Sunday of Advent
## 29th November 2026

Please welcome Sr Elisa Waterhouse CSC as our Locum.

**Sentence:** Mark 13.31.
'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

**Collect**
Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

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the parish bank details are as follows:- NAB BSB 083-663 the account No. 51580-7866
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**Christ Church-Hamilton**
**St Peter's Glenthompson  St Mark's Cavendish  All Saints' Penshurst**

[t] *Reading:* Isaiah 64.1-9

[1] O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence— [2] as when
fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes
water to boil—to make your name known
to your adversaries, so that the nations
might tremble at your presence! [3] When
you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains
quaked at your presence. [4] From ages past
no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no
eye has seen any God besides you, who
works for those who wait for him. [5] You
meet those who gladly do right, those who
remember you in your ways. But you were
angry, and we sinned; because you hid
yourself we transgressed. [6] We have all
become like one who is unclean, and all
our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities,
like the wind, take us away. [7] There is no
one who calls on your name, or attempts to
take hold of you; for you have hidden your
face from us, and have delivered us into
the hand of our iniquity. [8] Yet, O Lord ,
you are our Father; we are the clay, and
you are our potter; we are all the work of
your hand. [9] Do not be exceedingly angry,
O Lord , and do not remember iniquity for
ever. Now consider, we are all your
people.

Hear the word of the Lord
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm* 80.1-7; 80.17-19

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;

**2. Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.**

3. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**4. O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

5. You have fed them with the bread of tears: and given them tears to drink in good measure.

**6. You have made us the victim of our neighbours: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**17. Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.**

18. And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name.

**19. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

*2nd Reading*: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

[1] Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ
Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes, [2] To the church of God that is in
Corinth, to those who are sanctified in
Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together

with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: [3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— [6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— [7] so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation*
**Alleluia, alleluia**
The Lord will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel*: Mark 13.24-37

The Lord be with you
**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Mark

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

[24] 'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened, and the moon
will not give its light, [25] and the stars will
be falling from heaven, and the powers in
the heavens will be shaken. [26] Then they
will see "the Son of Man coming in
clouds" with great power and glory. [27]
Then he will send out the angels, and
gather his elect from the four winds, from
the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
[28] 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as
soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is
near. [29] So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at
the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all
these things have taken place. [31] Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words
will not pass away. [32] 'But about that day
or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]
Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come. [34] It is like a man
going on a journey, when he leaves home
and puts his slaves in charge, each with his
work, and commands the doorkeeper to be
on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake—
for you do not know when the master of
the house will come, in the evening, or at
midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36] or
else he may find you asleep when he
comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I
say to all: Keep awake.'

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:
"For your love and goodness" .... is… "we give you thanks, O God".

For your love and goodness **…we give you thanks, O God.**

O living God, we wait in these dark days for your coming. Silent, yearning, expectant. Hope flickering, but alight. Place in our hands the lamps or truth, love and courage that we may stand firm, and that the desires of all our hearts may be fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *For your love and goodness **…we give you thanks, O God.***

We give thanks for all leaders, particularly those who have been newly elected or re-elected to serve in the Victorian Parliament. Grant a spirit of justice and truth that they may work together in wisdom.
For your love and goodness **…we give you thanks, O God.**

We give thanks for the fellowship of the communities in which we live and work. We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbours and our friends. Enable us, by your spirit, to live in love for you and for one another.
For your love and goodness **…we give you thanks, O God.**

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give to those who care for them wisdom, patience and gentleness and, to all of us, your peace.
For your love and goodness **…we give you thanks, O God.**

We give you thanks for you servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom.
For your love and goodness **…we give you thanks, O God.**

I invite you to join with me in prayer.
The prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent
*Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Grant to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us warm and generous hearts for Jesus Christ's sake. 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, Mick

## For Those Who Have Died

## Years Mind

Samuel Thornton-Priest, Zoe Archer, Francis Reynolds, Norman Thomas, Keith Allen, Gregory Mutch, Dawn Shoebridge, Winston Forrest, Rachel Malseed, Albert White, Robie McDonald, Stuart Bell, Charles Sandison, Jessie Harris, Robert Gardiner,

## 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.

## Christmas cards

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

## Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**Pastoral care contact:**
**The new mobile number is**
**0437 229 249**
Monday and Tuesdays are my days off
Deacon Jannie

## 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 grumpy

## Ladies Breakfast

Are you interested in another ladies' breakfast? If so, one is planned for Saturday 5 December 2026 in the Canon Julien Centre. There is a list at the back of Christ Church to enable you to register your interest. The cost

will be $5.00 per head and it is suggested that you bring a small gift for distribution by the Salvation Army in Hamilton at Christmas. Please indicate your interest and any dietary requirements by Sunday 29 November. Sue Mustow 0439 528327

## Sunday School

2026 dates: 29th November
13th December
20th December

2027 dates will be shared in the new year

## Notice of Advent Bible Study

There will be an Advent Bible Study commencing Tuesday 24th of November, each week, at the home of Judy Tromph, at 7.30pm sharp. All welcome. Any enquiries, please contact Heather on 0437 243 611

## MU Christmas Dinner

Everyone is invited to join our Mothers' Union members for a dinner on Tuesday 8th December.

The meal follows a service in the Lady Chapel at 6pm.

Everyone attending provides food for the meal and numbers are required by Sunday 6th December.

Please let Rev Jannie (0437229249) or Shirley Gregory know if you are coming and what you can bring for the meal.

## Rosters

As Jenny won't be doing the rosters for a while Claire has offered to prepare them. If you would like to be on the roster or if you are on and would like to be taken off please let Claire know by emailing her clairehilsdon@hotmail.com or catching up with her at church. You can also let her know if you are unavailable on certain days.
Please consider going on a roster.

## Sr Elisa Waterhouse CSC Is our Locum

Sr Elisa would like to be known as Sr Elisa Helen CSC
Her phone no. is 0423852209

**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**

**TODAY'S HYMNS**

704 217 143 669

**Services for this week**

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| Wednesday | 2nd December | Holy Communion 10.00am | Christ Church Hamilton |
| Saturday | 5th December | Vigil 6.00pm | Christ Church Hamilton |
| Sunday | 6th December | Eucharist 10.30am | Christ Church Hamilton |

*Reader 1*: Gladys *Reader 2*: John *Intercesso*r: Betty *Sidesmen:* Helen & Illford
*Eucharist Assistant:* Heather

