

Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
8th November 2026

Sentence: . Matthew 24.42, 44
Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Collect
Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes we may go out joyfully to meet him, and with him enter into the marriage feast that you have prepared for all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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: Joshua 24.1-3a; 24.14-25

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to
Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads,
the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they
presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua
said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord , the
God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah
and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived
beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3
Then I took your father Abraham from beyond
the River and led him through all the land of
Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave
him Isaac; 14 'Now therefore revere the Lord ,
and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness;
put away the gods that your ancestors served
beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the
Lord . 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the
Lord , choose this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your ancestors served in the
region beyond the River or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you are living; but as
for me and my household, we will serve the
Lord .' 16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it
from us that we should forsake the Lord to
serve other gods; 17 for it is the Lord our God
who brought us and our ancestors up from the
land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and
who did those great signs in our sight. He
protected us along all the way that we went,
and among all the peoples through whom we
passed; 18 and the Lord drove out before us all
the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the
land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord ,
for he is our God.' 19 But Joshua said to the
people, 'You cannot serve the Lord , for he is a
holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not
forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If
you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods,
then he will turn and do you harm, and
consume you, after having done you good.' 21
And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will
serve the Lord !' 22 Then Joshua said to the
people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves
that you have chosen the Lord , to serve him.'
And they said, 'We are witnesses.' 23 He said,
'Then put away the foreign gods that are
among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord
, the God of Israel.' 24 The people said to
Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and
him we will obey.' 25 So Joshua made a
covenant with the people that day, and made
statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem..

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 78.1-7

1. Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

2. For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times.

3. What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

4. We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.

5. He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel: which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

6. That future generations might know, and those yet unborn: that they in turn might teach it to their children;

7. So that they might put their confidence in God: and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of man

Alleluia

2nd Reading:1 Thessalonians 4.9-18

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and
sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to
you, for you yourselves have been taught by
God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do
love all the brothers and sisters throughout
Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so
more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to
mind your own affairs, and to work with your
hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may
behave properly towards outsiders and be
dependent on no one. 13 But we do not want
you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who have died, so that you may not
grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For
since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with
him those who have died. 15 For this we declare
to you by the word of the Lord, that we who
are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who
have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry
of command, with the archangel's call and with
the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17
Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with them to
meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with
the Lord for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent
by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27
to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was
Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's
name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and
said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with
you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his
words and pondered what sort of greeting this
might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be
afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with
God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your
womb and bear a son, and you will name him
Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the
Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will
give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33
He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34
Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since
I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The
Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power
of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born will be holy; he
will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your
relative Elizabeth in her old age has also
conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for
her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing
will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary
said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it
be with me according to your word." Then the
angel departed from her..

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:
"Lord we hear your call" … is …"Help us to follow".

Lord, we hear your call…**Help us to follow.**

The Gospel message reminds us to be wise and vigilant. Christ will come again. As we wait for him, we pray for the world He has redeemed.

For the Church community that the prayers and ministries of the faithful may be a sign of hope in the reign of God to come. For our parish nominators, Stewart, Gavin and Loft
*Lord, we hear your call…**Help us to follow.***

For those who go to court this week and those who represent them. For wise and compassionate decisions to be made for the good of the whole community. For those who cut themselves off from family and friends that we may make the paths of reconciliation smooth and accessible
*Lord, we hear your call…**Help us to follow.***.

For teachers and students as they come to the end of the school year. For those ending their time in secondary school and those who must mark their work. Lord, we hear your call….
For those who are nearing the end of their life on this side of the grave. For their families and friends at this time
*Lord, we hear your call…**Help us to follow.***

For our blessed dead in the nearer presence of the Lord. That they may rejoice at the wedding banquet that never ends. Especially the recently departed ……
*Lord, we hear your call…**Help us to follow.***

With humility and hope, with the conviction of faith, with the joy you inspire, we offer these prayers for all your holy people in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Gary Holmes, Moira Armstrong, Stanley Kennett, Alan Fowler, David Baker, Eric Nolte, Russell Keeble, Lillian Coxon, Beatrice MacKirdy Thea Aisbett, Florence Fyffe, Ivan Bird, Heather Moore, Maxwell Millard

Today's Homily

What I said at Synod

Annunciation

Something has happened, something is happening, something will happen.

Something has happened.

Walsingham is an unsuspecting place, much like Galilee; small, quiet, sleepy, (but in a good way,) a community interconnected one with another. What is it about these out of the way places, deceptively unremarkable that makes them the lightening rod for divine activity? And isn't it marvellous that our diocese has a multiplicity of such places.

You have to drive for miles and miles to get to Walsingham, to Sheep hills, to Galilee, to Rainbow, but it is precisely in these sorts of places that we look back to the past and say… something happened there. Something quite special and miraculous. Sure it wasn't splashed across our laptop screens, or burbled about on the morning breakfast news. Nor did it appear in our administrators ad-clerum. Goodness gracious it didn't even make it to page one of the Dnews. It's not that type of event or place. These places and the action of God sending the archangel Gabrielle, belong in the hidden, unseen and unheralded dimension and it is only with wise, discerning eyes and the assistance of some decades between that we can say ……something has happened.

Something is happening.

As I speak, at this very moment, it is the middle of the night in Walsingham. Pilgrims

are snoring in their beds or having a late night tipple or 5.

As I speak, at this very moment, something is happening. God is again, breaking through our flimsy dimension of time and space; or maybe, in this time and space, on this Saturday morning and in this Cathedral, we are just a little more open to the reality that the material has been subsumed and permeated with the divine. Something is happening here as he gathers us around his table, as we say our own faltering but unavoidable 'yes'. And just as Our Lady of Walsingham could never be the same again after her yes, so to, after our encounter with Him at the altar we too shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. And sure the cars outside will still go vroom vroom and crash into each other, sure our news feed will offer us its unrelenting menu of anger, fear and abhorrence, but we will know that every second of time and every atom is infused with the divine, and continues to show forth new hope, fresh potential, revolutionary possibilities. Listen to your heart beat…. (Silence)… the footsteps of the Divine…. Something is happening…..

Something will happen

And when we scurry back to Coleraine and Minyip, to Wallanduc and Mannidabar, to Linton and to Glenthompson, know that you, like Our Lady, will carry the word of God within you. You may not always feel him kick and squirm, you may not always hear his whisper, especially when you need to or want to, but he will make you uncomfortable, at the most inappropriate and inconvenient time; in the most awkward situation and in the most improbable places. And you may not appreciate it, and you may say "interesting words", but you will know….. you will know

Something has happened, Something is happening. Something will happen.

I conclude with some words by Jan Richardson.

Listen carefully, as with understated skill and finesse she carefully knits time and timelessness, into the fabric of the annunciation of Our Lady of Walsingham.

For a moment
I hesitated
on the threshold.
For the space
of a breath
I paused,
unwilling to disturb
her last ordinary moment,
knowing that the next step
would cleave her life:
that this day
would slice her story
in two,
dividing all the days before
from all the ones
to come.
(a little more quickly for this next bit)
The artists would later
depict the scene:
Mary dazzled
by the archangel,
her head bowed
in humble assent,
awed by the messenger
who condescended
to leave paradise
to bestow such an honor
upon a woman, and mortal.

Yet I tell you,
it was I who was dazzled,
I who found myself agape
when I came upon her—
reading, at the loom, in the kitchen,
I cannot now recall;
only that the woman before me—

blessed and full of grace
long before I called her so—
shimmered with how completely
she inhabited herself,
inhabited the space around her,
inhabited the moment
that hung between us.
I wanted to save her
from what I had been sent
to say.
Yet when the time came,
when I had stammered
the invitation
(history would not record
the sweat on my brow,
the pounding of my heart;
would not note
that I said
Do not be afraid
to myself as much as
to her)
it was she
who saved me—
her first deliverance—
her Let it be
not just declaration
to the Divine
but a word of solace,
of soothing,
of benediction
for the angel
in the doorway
who would hesitate
one last time—
just for the space
of a breath
torn from his chest—
before wrenching himself away
from her radiant consent,
her beautiful and
awful yes.
Jan Richardson. Something has happened, something is happening, something will happen.

Next Weeks Homily

So long and thanks for all the fish

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

A fete sized Thank you

to all of those who helped in any way with the success of our fete!!

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". **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.

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

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 hat upon a Bishops head is called

- a biretta
- a mitre
- a cucketto
- a kipper

Fr. David's Hard Quiz

Fr. David's long term school friend who hopes to come next week is

- Brian
- Sally
- Roger
- Andrew.

The answers from last week's quiz were:
Easy quiz: All of the above
Hard quiz: Reverend Catie Inches Ogden

Christmas cards

MU have Christmas Cards for sale $8 for 10 mixed cards. Contact Jenny 0419 110 817 or Linley 0428 582 152

Thought for the day

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

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

Also retiring on Sunday 15th of November.
ph 0435 867 040

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

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

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO THE OULTON'S

A card is available at the back of the church for people to sign prior to Fr David's last service on November 15th.

Available today!!

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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
Jannie Ryan (November11th)
From all the Parish Family

TODAY'S HYMNS

517 209 328 307

Services for this week

Wednesday	11th November	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	15th November	Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

THIS IS THE ONLY SERVICE IN THE PARISH FOR THIS WEEKEND

Reader 1: David B *Reader 2*: Sue *Intercesso*r: Meredith *Sidesmen:* Helen & Ilford
Eucharist Assistant: Lofty