

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Our Church at Cavendish is under the patronage of
St. Mary
All Saints
St. Mark
St. John

Fr. David's hard quiz

On Tuesday Fr. David had been ordained a deacon for
23 years
39 years
36 years

The answer from last weeks quiz was
Easy quiz Your Baptism
Hard quiz Augustinian



Christmas Carol Service: Sunday, 20th December @ 7.00pm Christ Church

Come along and join us in welcoming Christmas. All Welcome.

Giving Envelopes

They've arrived! Your new shiny giving envelopes have been brought to you by the early shift of Christmass elves. They have been left near the font at Christchurch Hamilton. Watch out for yours.

Catch him while you can.

Fr. Robert is coming for a one off special celebrity appearance on Saturday 19th of December to celebrate the Vigil mass at 6:00pm.

Christmas Service Times

Carol service at Christchurch Hamilton Sunday 20th of December 7:00pm
Tuesday 22nd of December 7:00pm Penshurst. No service on Sunday 27th of December
Thursday 24th of December 5:00pm Children's Eucharist at Hamilton
Thursday 24th of December 6:30pm Dunkeld
Thursday 24th of December 8:00pm Cavendish
Thursday 24th of December 10:30pm Hamilton
Friday 25th of December 8am Glenthompson
Friday 25th of December 9:30am Hamilton

More deliciousness

Further easing of COVID restrictions means you no longer have to book to come to Church. Just sign in when you arrive and sit in a designated spot. Full details in your shiny new dNews.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning and Evening Prayer daily		Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 16th December	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 19th December	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 20th December	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm Christmas Carol Service 7.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld Christ Church Hamilton

20th December 2020	Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7.1-11, 16 Romans 16.25-27	Psalm 89.1-4, 19-27 Luke 1.26-38
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Anglican Parish of Hamilton Third Sunday of Advent—13th December 2020

Catch all the action live online at
<https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton>

Sunday 10.30am Eucharist.
Wednesday: 10.00am Eucharist
The 10:30am Eucharist is live streamed to a waiting world.
If you have privacy concerns please speak to Fr. David.

Sentence: Isaiah 61.1–2

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.

Collect:

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Directory

Parish Website: www.hamiltonanglican.org.au
Parish Facebook: [facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton](https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton)
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While it is true that Fr. David has Monday as his day off he is always available in case of emergency.		
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If you would like to give to the parish by the direct debit option, the parish bank details are as follows:- NAB. BSB:083-663 the account No.: 51580-7866.
Even if you miss coming you are still giving. This also helps with budgeting for our future.

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-4, 61.8-11

¹ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant: from this day all generations will call me blessed;

The Almighty has done great things for me:

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and holy is his name.

God has mercy on those who fear him: from generation to generation.

The Lord has shown strength with his arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and lifting up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things:
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to remember the promise of mercy,

The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.12-28

¹² But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³ esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets; ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil. ²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. ²⁵ Beloved, pray for us. ²⁶ Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. ²⁷ I solemnly command you by the Lord

fill our hearts with your love that we may come one day and see what they saw, the face of your beloved Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John of the Cross.



John of the Cross born 24 June 1542 — 14 December 1591. He was a Spanish priest, mystic, and a friar. He is known especially for his writings. He was mentored by and corresponded with the older Carmelite, Teresa of Ávila. Both his poetry and his studies on the development of the soul are considered the summit of mystical literature and among the greatest works of all Spanish literature.

Virtual Fete

On behalf of Fr David and the church council I would like to thank you all for your generosity in giving in lieu of the church fete. A total of \$5685 has been raised and it is much appreciated.

Thank you. Jenny

Lunch with the Reverend Marjorie Keeble

Hooray. You too can dine with Reverend Marjorie on Sunday 10th of January. Sign up by Sunday January 3rd at the back of Christchurch Hamilton or let Fr. David know.

Classy pens with our parish name on them are available for sale at a miserly \$1 (yes that's right one dollar). They are available from the back of Christchurch or from Father David. Please place your \$1 in the red box next to the pens. All pens must go

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MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES

Spread some Christmas cheer while helping families in Australia and overseas. Good quality cards in several designs.

Cards: \$8 per Pk. of 10

Large diaries: \$7

Small diaries: \$5.50.

Contact Linley Bramall:

Tel. 55721957

There is a purple folder on the bench at the back of the church containing samples of the card designs. There are also instructions regarding ordering and payment.

Strawberry Plants For Sale

\$2 each. Funds to Virtual Fete.

Phone Ken 0490 784 642 or 5571 2591

Anglicare Warrnambool are offering Christmass family parcels to those who might need a little something extra this year. Please see Fr. David by the 15th of December if you or someone you know is interested.

Advent & Christmas Appeal

2020 information and Giving Envelopes will be at the back of the Church.

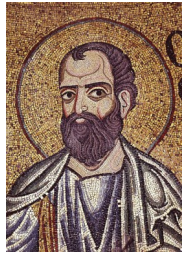
This year's Appeal is for welfare & Education in East Africa and community projects in indigenous communities.

Supporting educational and community mental health projects in Aborigi

Glenthompson Christmas Puddings

If you have forgotten your puddings from Glenthompson.. you're in luck! There are 4 small ones left. A bargain at \$30 each.

Today's Homily



The Marvellous Malachi muttered about Myrrh... Here's what he had to say

We usually think that the only time Jesus was offered myrrh was when the magi came to visit the Christ child. The reality is that Jesus was offered myrrh several times in his life and in his death. The other interesting discovery is the people who offered it to him. Almost always, it was the outsider, the most unlikely person. Listen not only to the occasions when Jesus is offered myrrh but by whom. In Mark's account of the crucifixion we read this "Then the soldier offered Jesus wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it." So it is Roman soldier, a man of no apparent faith and an accessory to Jesus death that offers Him myrrh. And then later on when God himself is a corpse, myrrh will be brought to the body of Lord Jesus by a secret disciple. Here's the story "Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs."

And again, by some very different people. They are the very courageous women who come under cover of the early morning darkness to what they think is a heavily guarded tomb. But they do not know that the guards have run away in fear before they set out. For the women it is a very gutsy little journey. Here's how Luke records this adventure. "On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb". These would not have been cheap myrrh and spices so there is a severe financial

cost to them, as well as the uncertainty of their lives. Our brothers and sisters in the Eastern Church call them Holy Myrrh-Bearing Women – because the Gospels tell us they risked danger, untold grief and the unknown in order to take expensive spices and oils from their own stores to anoint the Saviour's lifeless body. The Holy Myrrh-Bearers are made up of women of different ages, vocations and histories; they were disciples of Christ, and they were probably drawn by concrete encounters of Jesus while he was still alive. You don't go to a tomb and put your life at risk for a perfect stranger. They drew strength, healing and inspiration from Christ when he was alive and their discipleship has a quality which some called "feminine genius". Interesting isn't it, that all sorts of people from all sorts of lives are unknowingly united in bringing this one gift to the Lord. For a gold star you might like to reflect on the unlikely outsider who has brought you myrrh. The person who had to tell you some sad news perhaps. Or was it the person who was with you when you found yourself receiving myrrh? Our Christian faith, what we teach, what we believe what we offer to the world, must embrace and make holy every experience and emotion of our human life. And in these knotty times perhaps this symbolic gift of myrrh speaks more clearly and resounds more loudly than ever before. We must be able to say to our community that your suffering is authentic and real. Your experience of myrrh is an important part of the whole gamut of what it is to be human. From infancy, to the cross, to the grave, Our Lord accepts his myrrh, and He accepts our myrrh life experiences as well. He opens wide his arms to embrace and sanctify our myrrh. We learn that his suffering, his myrrh, his tears are in fact ours. He is already there with us when myrrh comes our way. It's really easy and it is understandable to always want the glitzy gold and frankincense, but as the good book reminds us if we take joy from the hand of the Lord, must we not also take sorrow too. Heavenly Father, the Magi came on bended knee to adore your Son and offer their gifts. Implant deep within us that same sense of mystery and awe for all your generous gifts to us. So

that this letter be read to all of them.²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia.**
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
R. **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: John 1.6-8, 1.19-28

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

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his

sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need

Phil Reid	Dorothy	John O'Donnell
Fr Peter Treloar	Patrick and family	Len Peters
Brian Lacy	(Irene Edwards son)	Elisabeth
Virginia	Katie Kuiper	
Dorothy	Fr Paddy	

For those who have died

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Helen Baker	Jeffrey Dickeson	Thomas Rolton
Charles Somers	Robert Lowcock	Arthur Wiles
Justin Ryan	Viola Robertson	Stanley Rundle
Rodney Northcott	Stanley Duncan	William Grimes
Winifred Johnson	John Watkins	Mavis Huphries
PeggyTarr	Ian McFarlane	Francis McKenzie
John Arnold	Albert Hickey	

or the wider Church and its ministry

- Ruwenzori (Uganda) The Rt Revd Reuben Kisembo
- Dornakal (South India) The Rt Revd Vadapalli Prasada Rao
- Northern Territory: Greg Anderson
- West Wimmera: Nagi Habib (locum)
- Ministry among the Karen people. - Nay Htoo Khin
- Koinambe
- Those who work the land and our rural communities

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MU thought for the week

journeying

O Adonai

Ruler of ancient Israel, appearing to Moses

in the flame of the burning bush,

carving in him on Sinai the words of the living law,

come, etch your holy way even into the lines of our faces.

Jim Cotter 'Cries of Advent' No 3. From Prayer in the Morning, Cairns Publications 1989.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of

the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 9:2

The life's journey of an 8 year-old girl in Eastern Cape South Africa was changed by the ministry (the holy way) of MU and the local municipality. Sibabalwe's prosthetic leg brought her smiles, hope for the future and playtime with school friends.-- .

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:

Dear Lord....is**Please help and guide us to do your will,**

We pray for the world leaders to have the courage to lead in an honest way in the direction you desire.

Dear Lord.....Please help and guide us to do your Will.

We pray for Bishop Garry and everyone in the Ballarat Diocese, especially Fr David and Jeanine and everyone in the Hamilton Parish that they have a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas Season.

Dear Lord.....Please help and guide us to do your Will.

We pray for the sick and their families at this Christmastime that you keep them safe and happy. We also pray for the lost and lonely that they may find comfort during this Christmas Season.

Dear Lord.....Please help and guide us to do your Will.

We pray for the Departed that they may find comfort in God's presence. We also pray for the Departed's families that God may wrap his arms around them and they find comfort in his presence this Christmas.

Dear Lord.....Please help and guide us to do your Will.

We pray for everyone in Hamilton and surrounding towns that they have a happy and safe Christmas. We also pray for all the animals in the world that they are healthy and safe during this Christmas Season and beyond.
Dear Lord....Please help and guide us to do your Will.

Dear Lord please listen to our prayers, keep us all safe in our travels and activities with families and friends during this Christmas Season.

Christ Church Cleaning/reading/intercession roster 20/12/2020 - 24/01/2021

Date	Cleaning	Reader 1.	Reader 2	Intercessor
20/12/2020		Neville	Susan	Betty
27/12/2020	Gladys	Helen Powell	John Oliver	Barbara Oliver
3/01/2021		Linley Bramall	Jannie	Robyn Wilken
10/01/2021	Rachel	Jenny	Betty	Celia
17/01/2021		Sue Mustow	Eileen Jolly	Lofty
24/01/2021	Jenny	Stewart Otton	Helen Roseborough	Meredith Otton

I am trying to spread the load as best I can.

If you cannot read or clean please ask someone else to do it for you