

## A little something for you to find

There are 23 letters to make up three words.

Last weeks words were Shepherd, Feet, Oil

## dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

## ies of the pew sheet.

1. From the plastic tub outside the main door of Christ Church Hamilton.
2. From Beatties Newsagency. Please ask at the counter.
3. At Dunkeld, Glenthompson and Penshurst... where you buy the Hamilton Spectator.
4. On our parish web site.  
[www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)

## Todays quiz

### How many books are in the New Testament?

(a) 27  
(b) 32  
(c) 41  
(d) 30

The answer from last weeks question was "Africa"

## Oh Yeah... you remember...

that we put in a grant for \$15,000 to our local friendly shire for work on our Christchurch Hamilton roof? We were successful!. Yes.. True! Due to the virus that cannot be named, we are allowed to spend the \$\$ in the next financial year as the work had to be rescheduled. Some rooly good news for us in these tricky times.

## A Chomper.

A largish branch has come down in the parish grounds at Hamilton and it would be great to transform it into mulch. Do you know of anyone who has a chomper to do this or at least a chainsaw to wreak havoc on this branch? Please let Fr. David know.

## Where to get more cop-

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## Some ways to contact Fr. David

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Mobile. 0423 671 692  
39 Griffin St.  
email. [droulton72@gmail.com](mailto:droulton72@gmail.com)  
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## The trickiness of the

**AGM.** At this stage it is very murky as to when we can have a real live face to face AGM like they used to in the olden days. However, we could circulate electronically and in paper copy our Annual reports. Could you send them to:

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[loftyandsue@bigpond.com](mailto:loftyandsue@bigpond.com))

or pop them into the parish office

Or post them to PO Box 474 Hamilton.

by Friday July 17th?

We could then try to get them to as many people as possible in early August.



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Fifth Sunday Of Easter  
10th May 2020

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*Sentence:* John 14.6

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Collect:

Ever living God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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.

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<b>Christ Church Hamilton</b>	<b>St Mary's Dunkeld</b>	<b>St Peter's Glenthompson</b>	<b>St Mark's Cavendish</b>	<b>All Saints' Penshurst</b>
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1st Reading: Acts 7.55-60

<sup>55</sup> But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

Psalm 31.1-5, 31.17-18

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.
2. **O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
4. **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength.**
5. Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
17. **All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.**

18. Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2.11-25

- <sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul.
- <sup>12</sup> Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.
- <sup>13</sup> For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme,
- <sup>14</sup> or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.
- <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.
- <sup>16</sup> As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.
- <sup>17</sup> Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.
- <sup>18</sup> Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh.
- <sup>19</sup> For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly.
- <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.
- <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.
- <sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.'

### **Some prayers to say at home**

The response to the bidding  
"Heavenly Father" ...is ...  
**"Our trust is in you".**

Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you  
Confident that our faith in God will never disappoint us, let us make our prayers known to the Father in Jesus name.

For Garry our Bishop, for a faithful priest to be found to serve God's people in the parish of Lower Glenelg.  
For Deacons Alan and Brian who minister there.

*Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you*

For those who have dedicated their lives to the service of others, that their selflessness may reveal the depth of God's love. We hold before God all those who have been made redundant recently and those applying for Visas.  
For all who are affected by COVID 19.

*Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you*

For those who have asked our prayers and are overcome by physical pain, spiritual emptiness and emotional suffering. We pray especially for those

who have asked for the ministry of deliverance.

*Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you*

For our own selves in our stumbling search for faith, that we may come to God through Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

*Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you*

For all who have died in the peace of Christ, that they may dwell in the places prepared for them by the Risen One, especially the recently departed ..... and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

*Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you*

In our union with Our Lady, and all the saints, we offer in silence all that is upon our hearts today.....(Pause 1,...2,...3,...)

*Heavenly Father... Our trust is in you*

Hear our Easter prayers, O Lord. May the darkness of despair and anguish in our lives be forever shattered by your marvellous light of Easter joy. We ask this in the name of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever Amen.

## Hey presto! This morning's homily

Easter 5 May 10th.

I was in grade 5 at Warracknabeal Primary School, when the principal walked into our classroom and calmly said.

“Johnny,” (obviously not his real name)  
“There is a message for you at the office.”  
Johnny promptly left the classroom and the real reason for the principals visit tumbled out. He explained that over the weekend Johnny had been caught stealing a radio.

Things didn't get better. Johnny had an older brother and in secondary school they frequently used to spend their lunchtimes in a passionate game of fisticuffs until either a teacher came, or one of them fell to the ground bleeding.

On the night before Johnny was due to go to prison he took his life into his own hands. I want to come back to Johnny later.

This mornings gospel is one we are used to hearing at funerals. “Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God. In my Fathers house there are many rooms.”

But it is the disciples questions that I find most encouraging. It starts with good ol Thomas.

Jesus has politely explained that ...

He is going away and they know the place where he is going.

Thomas replies, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’

Then Phillip gets on board and has a go. Phillip said to Jesus ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’

In response to Thomas and Phillip, Jesus points back to himself.

To Thomas

‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

To Phillip, and here Jesus's frustration is beginning to show.

“Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen **me**, has seen the Father?

So the answer to the disciples questions, and therefore our questions, is to direct our attention back to the Master himself.

All that is right, and good, and proper, but in these irksome days some of us, myself included, might be finding it a bit harder to see Him. We are unable to partake of Him in the bread and wine of the altar in the usual way and the chances of us seeing him in the faces of others is greatly diminished in this time of social distancing and staying at home. So what do we hang onto?

A few things that I find useful and perhaps you might too.

Someone once gave me a little metal cross. Its about the size of the palm of my hand and I hold onto it when I say my morning and evening prayers. Sometimes the hard metal digs into my skin and reminds me of a few uncomfortable, but helpful truths.

The other thing that I enjoy is holding onto the prayer book or bible. I know that you can do all of morning and evening prayer on a tablet, or phone these days, and I get the whole ... ‘not having to look up the lessons thing’, but for me at least there is something quite reassuring about holding a book in my hands. Finally, I discover things that I have missed in the reading of the scriptures. I'm chugging along and thinking

“Oh yeah.. I know how this bit goes” and all of sudden I see something that I have never seen before. Or at best, I rediscover something I had learnt years ago and forgotten.

Something else to think about. Perhaps the trick is not just wanting to see, understand and reach out to Our Lord. Part of it must be allowing ourselves to be accessible to Him. To be open to the possibilities of what He has to teach us and show us. Maybe it's as simple as just making ourselves available and accessible to Him. We willingly schedule time into our diaries to listen and learn from others... why not for Our Lord as well. What is it that he wants to bring to his meeting with you?

So what of Johnny. Johnny came to mind the other day at morning prayer. So I found myself praying for him, which is something I should have been doing for the last umpteen years. The cross dug into my hands as a little reminder of someone who also died a grizzly, lonely death. By a marvellous coincidence the lesson for morning prayer was something that finally made sense of Johnny's life in a fresh, helpful and hopeful way.

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

<sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia! alleluia.**

‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘No one comes to the Father except through me.’

R. Alleluia.

*The Holy Gospel: John 14.1-14*

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**

<sup>1</sup> ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘I am the

way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.<sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ <sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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	A	Virginia	Katie Kuiper
Nola		Dorothy	Stella Downs
Fr Peter Treloar		Patrick and family	
Brian Lacy		(Irene Edwards son)	

### For those who have died

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### For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Constance Wilson	Richard Yorston	Norman O'Flaherty
Isabel Richards	Ethel Bennison	Ian Burger
Hannah Stephens	Edwin Annett	Leslie Hatherall
Rosina Clapham	t Edward Hammond	Elizabeth (Beris) Smith
Elsie Nayler	Rupert Cartledge	David Primrose
Allan Black	Trevor Bloom	u Alice Fisher

### For the wider Church and its ministry

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya - The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya
- Melbourne: Philip Freier, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings and Paul Barker, Kate Prowd
- Buninyong: Mark Schnerring
- Springmount: Colin Griffiths SSM (assisting)
- Kandum
- Our Premier and State Parliament

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### A prayer that Fr. David has found useful.

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'Come Holy Spirit giver of life and love. Grant for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into words, ... words that pass into deeds... deeds that pass into love and love that passes into life everlasting. Amen.

If you have a prayer that you have found useful and would like to share it around you could:

Put it into Fr. David's mail box at 39 Griffin St.

Or

email it to the parish office [office@hamiltonanglican.org.au](mailto:office@hamiltonanglican.org.au)

<sup>i</sup>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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### Anglican Parish of Hamilton Treasurers Report

In spite of the Covid19 we are still able to come together to worship in several ways. Fr. David has kept us all going with his sermon being live streamed, viewed online or read in the pew sheet, consequently the Church is still alive and Parishioners are not forgotten.

The Guild has donated \$2000.00 towards our costs and so I have forwarded it to Ballarat towards Fr. David's stipend.

You may have noticed in the "D News" Bishop in Council have approved:

1. The waiver of the Assessment from April to June only. A sum of approximately \$1500.00 per month
2. The 2020 Diocesan Income Distribution ie the interest we receive twice per year will be paid out this month (April) however any money in arrears to the Diocese will have this interest credited to our arrears. This will happen to us as we are in arrears of...\$9730.93.to date
3. The third concession is the insurance payments from April to June will be deferred. (\$1286.00). When and how we pay it in due course has not been worked out yet.

This will certainly help us but we do need to be mindful we will have a large account to pay back when this is all over. I do thank the Registrar and Bishop in Council for their concessions to all Parish Councils...

We also had a statement from the State Trustees via the registrar with regards to the Estate of Irene Hammond. Her generous bequest has been received in Ballarat and for which we receive interest, twice yearly.

I just want to thank all our wonderful parish

members. You have been resourceful in finding ways to still give your financial gift to the church. I really appreciate it so much.

It is difficult to know how long this will keep up as I have no idea how long the amount sent in is to last but I am not worrying as I know God is in control.

We hope to get back soon but until then, keep well, keep safe and keep happy.

I think that concludes the financial news for the month. Please do not hesitate to ring if anything is not clear.

Jenny Rankin  
Treasurer



Readings next Sunday  
17th May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31  
Psalm 66.7-19  
1 Peter 3.8-22  
John 14.15-21