

A little something for you to find

There are 7 words to find.

Last weeks words were Shelter,
Authority, Believe

dNews

Each week. There is a new free
complimentary dNews

your

Todays quiz

What did John the Baptist eat in the desert?

1. Manna and quails
2. Locusts and honey
3. Olives and wine
4. Cheese burgers and regular fries.

The answer from last weeks question was
(a) 27

Guild Members and ABMH Members of Christ Church Hamilton

Dear all, Thank you for your kind words and expressions of sympathy for my sister Dawn. It was pleasing that so many friends and acquaintances attended the funeral service. It was a fitting service for a person who was involved with the Church and Ballarat Diocese. She valued all the friendships that were made and many no doubt who helped with the reception after the service. Thank you all. Colin Shoebridge and Family"

Some ways to contact Fr. David

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Annual Reports

As you will be aware, our Annual General Meeting is planned for Sunday 26 July. In anticipation that the meeting may go ahead, request that those responsible begin formulating their annual reports for

presentation to the meeting. If the meeting does not eventuate the annual reports will still be collated and distributed among parishioners. Please forward reports to the Secretary as a Word document attached to an email (**Please!! No PDF documents**) to make collating and printing easier. If you are unable to provide an electronic report, please send it by post to the address below or call by and drop it in my home letterbox. Please forward reports to reach me by 5pm Monday 13 July 2020. Graeme Mustow Parish Secretary
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Thank-you very much to the very kind person who came and dealt so effectively with the fallen down branch.

From Bishop Garry ...re June bible reading challenge

I am delighted to let you know that the booklet for this year's challenge is almost complete and should be available from the Registry (hard and electronic copy) this week. Contributors are Fr Mathew Crane, Fr Graham Snell, Dr Kay Jobs from St Peter's Ballarat and Ms Vicki Goyen from Portland. The quality is excellent. I hope to host a Thursday evening ZOOM study group for the month of June. There will be a limit of 12 people, so if you're interested, please let me know bishop@ballaratanglican.org.au With all good wishes and blessings,
+Garry

Fr. David has ordered some copies of the June bible reading challenge. Watch out for more news.

Accuser!



God

Anglican Parish of Hamilton Sixth Sunday Of Easter 17th May 2020

Sentence: John 14.23

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

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Collect:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

From this mornings homily.

The closeness, intimacy and relationship that Jesus has with the Father, is exactly the same closeness, intimacy and relationship and that we are called to enjoy with Jesus.

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

1st Reading: Acts 17.22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." ²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 66.7-19

7. O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound,
8. **Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip.**
9. For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried.
10. **You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins.**
11. You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
12. **I will come into your house with burnt-offerings: and I will pay you my vows,**
13. The vows that opened my lips: that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.
14. **I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts, with the sweet smoke of rams: I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.**
15. Come then and hear, all you that fear God: and I will tell what he has done for me.
16. **I called to him with my mouth: and his praise was on my tongue.**
17. If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: the Lord would not have heard me.
18. **But God has heard me: he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**
19. Praise be to God: who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.8-22

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for

reward. So whenever you find yourself paining for whoever, or whatever, then you will **know**,... know in the very deepest part of you, that you have authentically loved and that you are walking very closely with Him who is love.

You will arrive at that point and come to that understanding when...
"You know him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you."

Some prayers to say at home

The response to the bidding
"May your word live in us is.....
and bear much fruit to your glory."

We offer our petitions with a spirit of reverence for the Risen Christ who is in our midst. For those who serve our church, that they may reveal the love of God in their humble and dedicated service to God's people. For Garry our Bishop and the parish of Kowree. For Fr. Nahgee serving God's people there.
May your word live in us ... and bear much fruit to your glory.

That the nations and peoples of the earth may recognise and accept the Paraclete of justice and peace. For an end to bitterness and bloodshed in our world. For those who must make decisions which affect the lives of many. For Scott our Prime Minister, Daniel our Premier and those who serve us at a local level.
May your word live in us ... and bear much fruit to your glory.

That families experiencing pain and difficult times may rediscover God's spirit of love in their midst. For the under-employed, isolated and redundant.
May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

That we may be faithful in keeping God's commandments. May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory. That the sick, the suffering and the troubled, may rejoice in the healing presence of Christ.
May your word live in us and bear much fruit to your glory.

That the Risen Christ will gather the souls of all the faithful who have died, especially the recently departed who have died as a result of COVID 19 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May your word live in us ...and bear much fruit to your glory.

In a moment of silence we offer to the Father the petitions upon our hearts this day.(pause 1,...2,...3,...)
May your word live in usand bear much fruit to your glory.

In times of darkness and turmoil, in times when we feel lost and abandoned, make your presence known to us, O Risen Saviour; that we may bring your love and truth to our aching world. Hear these prayers we ask of you, who lives, and reigns with the Father and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever Amen.

Abbra cadabra... It's this morning's homily.

God first took the initiative by loving us. God always takes the initiative and He always will. Its just that we don't realise it and we are always playing catchup.

An example of this is the sacrament of ordination. In our heady rush to get to the altar the clergy can be tempted to think that they have cooked the whole thing up themselves. But God had this planned a long time ago.

And for me at least Jeremiah 1:5 sings very loudly

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;" Let me offer some other times when God has taken the initiative for us all.

God took the initiative when He gave us the gift of creation.

God took the initiative in giving us the commandments.

God took the initiative by sending us His Son Jesus.

Jesus took the initiative by His willing acceptance of death.

God took the initiative by rising from the dead. Jesus took the initiative in giving us the eucharist.

God has taken the initiative in giving us the gift of baptism.

God has taken the initiative by giving us the example of the foot washing.

God has taken the initiative by sending us the gift of the Holy Spirit which is what this morning's gospel is alluding to. You will also see in the gospel that there is the dance of initiative and response.

Listen closely and see if you can see this dance of initiative and response.

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. **19** In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** They who have my commandments and keep them are those who

love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

It's complex stuff and I encourage you to read it again in your own time. But lets unpack it just a little.

God first takes the initiative in giving us the commandments. Our response is to keep those commandments.

In turn Jesus asks the Father, to send us another Advocate, to be with us.

Also in response to us Jesus will come to us, we will see Him and we will live.

And I want to come back to this delightful lovers dance of initiative and response a bit later.

Next in the gospel there is a very exciting bit. Jesus says You will know several things.

1. That I am in my father

2. You will be in me

3. I will be in you.

This is thrilling because it means that:

The closeness, intimacy and relationship that Jesus has with the Father, is exactly the same closeness, intimacy and relationship that we are called to enjoy with Jesus.

Uh huh.

The closeness, intimacy and relationship that Jesus has with the Father, is exactly the same closeness, intimacy and relationship that we are called to enjoy with Jesus.

And what is more...

This is the same closeness, intimacy and relationship that we are called to enjoy with each other.

And this is where I come back to that scary, tentative dance of initiative and response.

I began by pointing out that God has always taken the initiative in loving us. For God that was a risky, risky business and the cost was eye-wateringly high. There are big chunks all throughout the bible where God takes the initiative in loving his people, only to be disappointed and you can probably think of a few examples yourself.

But I believe that taking the initiative to love and serve is not just God's vocation but it is also our vocation. This is not easy. It is treacherous territory and if we love and serve properly, there must inevitably be times when we also are rejected and dejected. In this love business, there must be a cost, as well as

this that you were called – that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For 'Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.' ¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with

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angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **alleluia.**

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 14.15-21

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

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

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

For those who have died

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Elizabeth Stapleton	Hedley Hughan	Alexander Primrose
Dorothy Young	Lawrence Annett	Lorna Bowker
Patricia Potter	Gilbert Anderson	Daphne Kennett
Alice Woodall	Joseph Moynan	Eva Green
Una Hatherell	Keith Fraser	Clarence Hudgson
Herbert Rippon	Elizabeth Hall	Walter Duthie
James Syrott	Lily Harmer	Dorothy Mildon
Mary Arden	Francis Cross	Ruth Walscott

For the wider Church and its ministry

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea - The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon
- Sydney: Glenn Davies, Peter Hayward, Chris Edwards, Michael Stead & Peter Lin & Gary Koo
- The Registrar: Peter Jarvis
- The staff of the Diocesan Centre: Rev'd Glen Wesley, Cheryl Pierce, Lisa Hofler and John Russell.
- Kwima

A prayer that Fr. David has found useful.

'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

While it is true that Fr. David has Monday as his day off he is always available in case of emergency.

Readings next Sunday 24th May 2020	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1.6-14 Psalm 68.1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 5 John 17.1-11
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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

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On Wednesday night Bishop Garry gave us some sage advice about the relaxation of the COVID 19 restrictions. You should have a copy of his letter with your pew sheet and there is more information in the dNews.

Basically there are no Sunday services at this point so Fr. David's strenuous wrestle with technology will continue on a Sunday morning, live streaming the service from a different centre each week.

There is some wriggle room for small weekday services and the practicalities need to be carefully thought through. Our chief imperative is to keep everyone safe. More details will follow in next weeks pew sheet.

Please find enclosed a letter from our Bishop outlining what the recent relaxation of some of the COVID-19 restrictions regarding places of worship means for our people, parishes and Diocese.

If you have any queries regarding the implementation or interpretation of what is outlined in the Bishop's letter please contact the Bishop or the Registrar directly either by calling the Bishop's Registry on 03 5331 1183 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) or by emailing: bishop@ballaratanglican.org.au or registrar@ballaratanglican.org.au

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