

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Fr. David is...

1. Rural Dean
2. A Canon of the cathedral
3. The Archdeacon of the southwest (like Fr. Donald was)
4. In training for a full marathon.

Fr. David's hard quiz

At an ordination of a priest their

1. Hands are anointed with Chrism
2. Forehead is anointed with Chrism.
3. New vestments are sprinkled with holy water.
4. None of the above actually happen

The answer from last weeks quiz was

Easy quiz 2. St. Barnabas in Adelaide

Hard quiz 1. Our Lady of Walsingham

Safe Church Officer

After a worldwide search and an exhaustive interview process I am delighted to let you know Mr. Graeme Mustow (aka Lofty) has been chosen to be our Safe Church Officer. Congratulations Lofty!

Our virtual fete is going really well and has realised \$1260.00 to date.

Thank you so much for your support. There is still plenty of time to donate so please keep the donations coming.

Thank you

Jenny

Bargain Bargain Bargain!

\$5 home made masks are available from Fr. David. All proceeds to the parish. Get yours today.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 11th November

10.00am Eucharist

Saturday 14th November

6.00pm Vigil

Sunday 15th November - Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

9.00am Holy Eucharist—St Mark's Cavendish

10.30am Sung Eucharist—Christ Church Hamilton

5.00pm Holy Eucharist—St Mary's Dunkeld

15th November
2020

Twenty-Fourth
Sunday
After Pentecost

Judges 4.1-10

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Psalm 123

Matthew 25.14-30



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost—8th November 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: 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.**

Parish Directory

Parish Website: www.hamiltonanglican.org.au

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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

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,

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

for yourself brothers and sisters. Against the dark backdrop of these times please, please know, that you are shining ever more brightly. I am the light of the world. You are the light of the world. We are the light of the world.

Next week's homily
"In praise of Sir Paul"

Hooray...it's November!!

We are only 1 month from Christmas Day, on viewing Nigella Lawson we are reminded that next month we should be starting on Christmas Puddings again. So St Peter's Guild is just making a little noise about "puds". As we are so small in number we need ages to have enough ready for Christmas distribution. In the happy event that you have your arrangements already and know your Christmas feast requirements and would like a pudding could you please contact: Earlene Gellert on 0448832202 or Elisabeth Cuming on 0427774223.

Giving Envelopes

It is almost time to organise giving envelopes for the year 2020/21. We have last year's list as a start. If you have never had envelopes and would like to use this method of giving would you please ring us.

Anyone who no longer needs envelopes perhaps you are happy continuing with Direct Debit) please do the same and let us know your intentions.

We hope to have your envelopes ready for the end of November. Any unused envelopes you have at home we would appreciate them back as we can re-use them.

Thank you

Roma Keating 55 712 102

Jenny Rankin 55 711 556

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Fr. David has been to the tomb of this guy.



Martin of Tours 316 – 8 November 397) was the third bishop of Tours. He has become one of the most familiar and recognizable Christian saints in Western tradition. He converted to Christianity at a

young age. He served in the Roman cavalry in Gaul, but left military service at some point prior to 361. He was consecrated as Bishop of (Tours) in 371. He is best known for the account of his using his military sword to cut his cloak in two, to give half to a beggar clad only in rags in the depth of winter. His shrine in Tours became a famous stopping-point

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.

Today's Homily

"Gee willikers!" yelled Lucy. It's this mornings homily

A bit of background might help us understand this parable.

The marriage custom in Jesus day was as follows: The Groom would prepare a place for his bride. It might be his own house or a place at his father's house. Then he would go to the father in laws place to get her. There might be a small party at her house, so there was a small delay. Then the Bride and Groom would return to the grooms father's house for the marriage feast or banquet (which usually lasted for seven days). They had great parties in those days.

The ten young ladies would be somewhere along the route between the bride's house and the groom's house. They would wait for the bride and groom to return and they would hope to join the procession and enter with them into the party.

Now on first reading of our parable it appears as though the 5 wise bridesmaids are being rather selfish. I mean how hard can it be to share a little oil? It seems a little harsh to send the others off to the BP service station at midnight to go and see if he's still open to get a little oil.

So what are we to make of their stingy ways? My best guess is this.

That what Matthew is really saying is that you can't borrow another person's relationship with God. Everyone has to work at it and work it out for themselves. We have to cultivate our own spirituality. Nobody can do it for you. Someone can't believe for you. Which leads us down the path to some other thoughts. When confronted by the stranger, the person we don't like or the person who is sparkling, we might **think** we know how much or how little oil they have. We might think that we know exactly where they are up to with their relationship with God, but the reality is that we have no idea what quality oil, how much they have and where they got it from. No idea at all. Some get their oil from the inspiration of others. Some get their oil from a crushing experience. Some would say that it has just always been there. Our job is

not to speculate about everyone else's oil, our job is to make sure that we have plenty in our own lamp and that our wicks are always trimmed and ready to go.

A few other things about this parable. There's a lot of waiting... just hanging around.. and that is so true for us. The computer tells me that there are at least 129 references to the word 'wait' in the bible; so if we find ourselves getting a little tetchy, a little impatient, then this is nothing new.

Do not despair In the middle of the night, even in the deepest darkness, a cry of joy will wake us. The night cannot last forever; the Bridegroom will return. Do not put your lamps away in a closet but have them on hand and lit, even if the world says that it's foolish and pointless

So in this parable the night becomes frustrating: things don't happen as the bridal party had hoped. God doesn't work according to our schedule and the Bridegroom does not arrive when we want him to, in the way that we want Him to. He comes at his own time, his own schedule, his own itinerary, in his own way.

Now according to the parable, everyone falls asleep: both the wise virgins and the foolish ones. It is as if to say that falling asleep is inevitable, a fact of life. It is not avoiding sleep that differentiates the wise from the foolish. The problem of the foolish virgins is not sleepiness, but something more fundamental. They never took care of the lamp that they were given and there is a not so subtle hint in there about taking care of ourselves. Clergy are just as good as anyone else, in fact we are sometimes better than most, at not taking care of ourselves. You can't shine brightly if your oil/resources/energy is all used up.

Finally, the parable centres on different symbols: the lamp and the oil. They are common symbols throughout the Bible. The lamp reminds us of Jesus' invitation to be the light of the world, Remember this bit

Jesus said "I am the light of the world." Now what would happen if we claimed that saying for ourselves? What if we could look in the mirror and say with joy.

"I am the light of the world?" Claim that truth

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour
R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel:
Matthew 25.1-13

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps: ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied,

"No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

3 cheers for the pew sheet posties.

A BIG shout out today for those whose faithful ministry brings the pew sheet to your doorstep. Thank you for your faithfulness and diligence. For keeping us connected in these crazy days. We appreciate you and all you do!

MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES

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Large diaries: \$7

Small diaries: \$5.50.

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Tel. 55721957

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need

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

For those who have died

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Gary Holmes	Eric Nolte	Florence Frome-Fyffe
Moir Armstrong	Russell Keeble	Heather Moore
Stanley Kennett	Lillian Coxon	Maxwell Millard
Alan Fowler	Beatrice Mackirdy	
David Baker	Thea Aisbett	

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies - The Most Revd Howard Gregory - Primate and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands
- St Peter's Ballarat: Graham Reynolds, Barry Wells (Assisting)
- All those who minister to the sick throughout the Diocese.
- Goroka
- Peace between nations.

So Wednesday November 11th is Remembrance Day. The Eucharist will be offered at our regular time of 10am with special intention to pray for our war dead and for the gift of peace. Remember to book your spot at mass and BYO your fashionable mask. If there are some war dead that you would like specifically remembered please have their name to Fr. David by bed time on Tuesday night.

'Count your blessings': do you remember to? Are you, perhaps, dealing with memories you would rather forget? Sometimes these memories do need to be faced. Perhaps you can see now that the criticism was kindly meant; perhaps being overlooked for one position opened another way. Reflecting on the past can bring us to understand ourselves and forgive others. Count on it. I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Psalm 77:11-12

In Wales, having studied MULO, members are looking at what they have been doing for a long time in a new way. Despite facing the challenge of lack of transport and the need for leadership training, projects involving the local community are having a profound impact on people in hospital or prison or the homeless. Blessed memories for the future.

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 Garry our bishop and those who assist him. For the parish of Ararat, for a faithful priest to be found for God's people there. For Reverend Cheryl and for deacon Adriaan.
*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...**Help us to follow.***

For those who are nearing the end of their life on this side of the grave. For their families and friends at this time. We pray especially for the patients and staff of the Birches.
*Lord we hear your call...**Help us to follow.***

For our own selves, that we may be ready when Our Lord comes to judge us. That He will not find us unprepared, but jubilant and expectant.
*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.

WELCOME BACK!!

Space permitting we are now allowed up to 20 people for worship. Here's everything you ever needed to know
Please book with Fr. David to come to the service of your choice. You can:

- Phone the landline 5571 1317
- Phone his mobile 0423 671 692
- Email him droulton72@gmail.com
- Put a message into his mailbox at 39 Griffin St.
- You can also contact him on Facebook and Messenger.

BYO your own mask, unless medically exempt.

If you aren't feeling the best please, do come back to Church when you are a little more perky.

More announcements in Church

No 'post mass cuppas' at this point in time

On a 5th Sunday (November 29th) we would normally have 1 service on the Sunday morning followed by Bring and Share lunch. The one service on the Sunday morning is happening. It seems unlikely that we will be doing the Bring and Share lunch bit.

Birthdays this week
Happy Birthday to
Joyce Harlow (8th Nov)
Rachel Malseed (11th Nov)
Jannie Ryan (11th Nov)
From all the Parish Family