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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Fr. David was an assistant school chaplain for

3 years

4 years

5 years

He wasn't actually a school chaplain at all.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The medieval carol "Adam Lay Ybounden", repeats the myth that humanity was punished through Adam eating a forbidden apple. Why is this idea not biblical?

It was Eve that plucked the fruit

The serpent was really to blame

The fruit was actually a peach

The name of the fruit is not mentioned.

The answer from last weeks quiz was

Easy quiz To find out where Jesus was

Hard quiz Gospel of Matthew

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.

The Chronicle is available

Please take one home for some interesting reading.

The cuppas are back...

- ◆ After Mass at Christchurch Hamilton. Sorry no food yet.
- ◆ Thursday afternoon at 3:00pm for the gentleman at Tosca Browns. (sometimes there are muffins)
- ◆ Thursday afternoon at 3:00pm for the ladies at Lemon Myrtle



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

First Sunday After Christmas—27th 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: Luke 2.30–32

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Collect:

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; 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**
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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning and Evening Prayer daily	Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 30th January Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 2nd January Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 3rd January Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

3rd January 2021	Second Sunday After Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1.3-14	Psalms 147.12-20 John 1.10-18
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Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

PLEASE SIGN IN ON THE COVID-19 CHURCH ATTENDANCE REGISTER

 * Jeanine and Fr. David wish everyone a very *
 * happy, safe and healthy 2021 *

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.10-62.3

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. ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 148

1. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights.
2. **Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**

3. Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light.
4. **Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens.**
5. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made.
6. **He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**
7. O praise the Lord from the earth: praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. **Fire and hail, mist and snow: and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**
9. Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars;
10. **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds;**
11. Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes, and all rulers of the world;
12. **Young men and maidens: old folk and children together.**
13. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted.
14. **His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**
15. Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

vulnerable and weary, that we are most like Our Lord. Those who have wrestled long and hard, seem to have both lost and yet have won.

The most marvellous and splendid human beings I have had the undeserved privilege to serve, are those who hobble and stumble and limp along. Often those who have fallen and are grazed and bruised. These are the little saints that inspire me, encourage me and pray for me.

So if you find yourself wrestling, and limping and bit like Jacob, do not despair. This is your finest hour and you are in the unending but lovely process of being made holy. Limp well and courageously my friends, for then you are actually very close to stretching your wings and soaring into a new day.. The eternal day of peace and wholeness that never ends.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK The Holy Innocents

In the New Testament, the Massacre of the Innocents is the incident in the nativity narrative of the Gospel of Matthew (2:16–18) in which Herod the Great, king of Judea, orders the execution of all male children two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem. The Church regards them as the first Christian martyrs, and their feast – Holy Innocents Day (or the Feast of the Holy Innocents) – is celebrated on 28 December.

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 \$6085 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

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.

Today's Homily



Donna and Blitzen dusted the snow from their antlers, poured themselves a strong glass of eggnog, sat down by the roaring fire and read Fr. David's homily.

The idea for this homily was given to me by our bishop Garry on retreat in November. So the genius and the sparkle that you delight in must be attributed to him. The mistakes and bumps are entirely the rector of Hamilton's fault. It's about a not so Holy Family so it kind of fits for today. I invite you to recall the story of Jacob on his way to be reconciled with his brother Esau. The two had catastrophically fallen out a long time ago and Jacob had to go and live a long way away from his brother Esau. Jacob is now going back home both physically, but also there is a deeper sense that he is going home spiritually. Going to the place of reconciliation and healing. And there is a good homily about this double level of home but that is not what I want to talk about today. Understandably Jacob is very nervous about how he will be received, so he sends heaps of presents ahead of him to try and appease Esau. Listen to the list. 200 she goats, 20 he goats, 200 ewes, 20 rams, 30 camels and their colts, forty cows, ten bulls, 20 she asses and ten he asses. And there is a good homily about trying to be transactional with God and how we might try to buy forgiveness. The recalcitrant husband with a bunch of flowers scenario, but that is not what I want to talk about today.

Jacob even sends his wives and children on ahead, so now he is left completely alone. Night descends and now we get to the part that I do want to talk to you about. A man wrestles all night with Jacob and Jacob sort of knows that this is no ordinary man and asks the man his name which is not forthcoming.

Day begins to break and the man does not

prevail against Jacob; Jacob must have been quite a prize fighter.

From our advantage of hindsight and history of course we know that the man Jacob wrestles with is God or at the very least his angel.

But the story is a very good parable for the odd night or 6 that we have wrestled long and hard with God. And here I am not just talking about the space of an evening, from dusk to dawn, but sometimes our spiritual night which might last for a very long time and if this is happening to you, or has happened to you, then my message is one of encouragement. There are times when the finest of spiritual heroes, when each and every one of us is left completely alone in the dark to wrestle hard with that which seems unconquerable.

The sun does come up and in the fresh light of a new day we understand that we have been changed. In the story of this is symbolised by Jacob being given a new name "Israel". So too after our struggles we are not quite the same again and I think that is a good thing. We are continuously being forgiven.

But something else happens is this wrestle. Jacobs' opponent touches Jacobs thigh and puts it out of joint. Jacob is left with a limp. And this is really what I wanted to talk to you about. It is in those places where we are most damaged and left fractured that God touches us most deeply and intimately. In our hobbling and disfigurements, in our ugly bits and sins and mucky bits; in our scars and the parts that we really want to forget and can't... it is there... that the finger of God comes to us in our wrestling and flailing. And just like Jacob, God does not reveal himself to us in the way that we so earnestly crave and desire. He does not tell us his name but shows himself by his actions and love. He touches us and we are altered. We limp away and we are both wounded and healed.

Then, like Jacob we know that a new day has dawned. Then when we have given away everything else and we are left with just him and our own selves, then the hard work of reconciliation can begin. Perhaps in our limping and hobbling we can learn that it is when we are squashed and disfigured and

2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

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

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man

was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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



"Now wasn't Fr. Robert wonderful?" gushed Adley who had gone to the vigil mass on Saturday 19th of December. "Too Right!" chimed in Greer. "I wonder if he would come back another time?"

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)	Evan
Virginia	Katie Kuiper	
Dorothy	Fr Paddy	

For those who have died

Dorothy Ryan

Leanne Ellis	Desmond Wilson	Laiton Jones
John McCormack	Margaret McKellar	George White
Francis McKenzie	Helene Moodie	Margaret Egan
Elsie Gould	Rebecca Filbay	Mary Pinkerton
Patricia Geebung	Susan Gausson	Audrey Cooper
Jean Chadderton	Lena Burger	

or the wider Church and its ministry

- Saskatoon (Canada) The Rt Revd Christopher Harper
- Eastern Himalayas (North India) Vacant
- Jos (Nigeria) The Most Revd Benjamin Kwashi
- All those involved in Police Chaplaincy throughout the Diocese.
- All those involved in Chaplaincy for the CFA & the SES throughout the Diocese: David Turner.
- Togban
- Those involved in IVF technology.
- Members of medical ethical committees.

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Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
"Jesus, Mary and Joseph"... is...
"Pray to the Lord for us."

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray to the Lord for us.

Emmanuel has come, the hope of all the peoples. Let us lift our voices in prayer with St. Joseph and Our Lady. For the faithful called to be the children of God, for those who seek to be in the Father's house: For Garry our Bishop and the parish of Portland searching out a faithful priest to serve God's people there. May they be clothed with the glory of Christ to live in love with one another....

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray to the Lord for us.

For the world broken by poverty and greed, for nations at war, that the dream of a new year of peace may be fulfilled

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray to the Lord for us.

For those far from home during this holiday season, for travellers, missionaries, those in the military and for those distanced from family by miles or past hurts. May they be clothed with the prayers of loved ones to bring them safely home.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray to the Lord for us.

For loved ones who are ill or close to death, for the aged and all who are in need of our prayers. For all who have been diagnosed with COVID. May they be clothed with God's healing power.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray to the Lord for us.

For our deceased loved ones whom we miss this season, for those who died alone, for innocent victims of violence, those who are recently departed

For those we offer in silence
Pause.1,...2,...3,...). May Christ gather us together into the eternal light of heaven.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Pray to the Lord for us.

Lord Jesus, Everlasting Light, clothe your children with your holiness, and hear our prayers, for we have confidence in you and believe your word. Make us a holy family, strong in wisdom and rich in favour before you, so that all people may live in the peace of the Spirit you have given us. We ask this in your name, Emmanuel, God is with us, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Date	Cleaning	Reader 1.	Reader 2	Intercessor
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