

**dNews**

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**Fr. David's easy quiz**

?? is the first season on the Church calendar.

- a) Lent
- b) Advent
- c) Easter
- d) Christmas

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

How many months did Mary stay with her cousin Elizabeth while they were both pregnant?

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4

The answer from last weeks quiz was  
 Easy quiz 2. Fr Peter Treloar  
 Hard quiz 1. Paten

**HYMNS**  
**307 217 143 669**

**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 2nd December	Eucharist 10.00am
Saturday 5th December	Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 6th December	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm

6th December 2020	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a	Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 Mark 1.1-8
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Date	Cleaning	Reader 1	Reader 2	Intercessor
6/12/2020		Linley Bramall	Tony Roe	Eileen Jolly
13/12/2020	Ken & Judy Pickett	Gavin Wallis	Stewart Otton	Meredith Otton

**The Word -  
a poem by Brian Ryan**

Amazed, they saw the word descend  
and move among the dispossessed of the  
world, a panacea for the madness that curled  
in the narrow night under the bone.  
It told them they were not alone,  
it spoke of a world without end,  
... and they were afraid.



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## First Sunday of Advent—29th 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: Isaiah 2.3a*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Collect:*

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

**Parish Directory**

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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 64.1-9*

<sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 80.1-7, 80.17-19*

1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory;
2. **Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.**
3. Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
4. **O Lord God of hosts: how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

*2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Something to think about the next time you see a golden ring on someone's hand, or maybe even your own. A little prayer for the season.

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 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

**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**

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.

**Roster for Christmas Services**

There is a form at the back of Christ Church for you to put your name if you are able to help over the Christmas Services with readings or intercessions

**St Peter's Anglican Church Mural Restoration**

Cake Stall (Christmas theme)

December 5th 10.00—12 midday

Where: Outside St. Peter's church

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

The restoration of the murals has commenced.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Andrew

Saint Andrew's Day is November 30.

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, Greece and Russia and was Christ's first disciple.

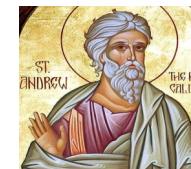
There are around 600 pre-Reformation churches in England named after Saint Andrew, in contrast to Scotland's handful of churches of all denominations named after the saint. Nevertheless, it was Scotland that adopted Andrew as its patron - probably because, Saint Andrew being the brother of Saint Peter, it gave the Scots considerable political leverage with the Pope in pleading for help against the belligerent English!

Andrew's life

In Greek Andrew means 'manly'. St. Andrew's biographical details are simple: he was born in Bethsaida, the principal fishing port of Palestine. His parents were Jona and Joanna; his brother was Simon. Jona, along with his business-partner and friend Zebedee and his sons James and John, was a fisherman.

Andrew had a strong sense of curiosity. He would have gone to the synagogue school at the age of five to study scripture and then astronomy and arithmetic.

Later, on the banks of the Jordan, Andrew met John the Baptist: he was the first disciple and the first apostle. It was he who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus before the feeding of the five thousand. His day is November 30th.



## Today's Homily

### Rebellious Rocking Roger belted out his favorite song and then for a bit of down time offered Sunday's homily. Here it is.

During this advent season I'm offering a mini series entitled "Gifts for God" reflecting on the gifts the magi brought to Jesus. Gold, Frankincense and myrrh. On the 4th Sunday of Advent, we will be pondering on the mystery of Mother Mary, not just because it is very close to Christmass, not just because the whole shebang could not have happened without her, but because she also gave a gift to God. Our Lady gave her very self. Her whole being, Body and soul to God. But for today, the first gift that the Magi come and give is the gift of gold. Gold symbolises that this precious bundle of humanity and divinity all wrapped in one and all wrapped up in a blanket, is nothing less than a king. But more than that he is King of all kings as Handel majestically crafted in his stunning work The Messiah. So by offering gold to Jesus the magi might be saying something like this.

"From one King to another, I recognise and honour your kingship. Further I perceive that you are a far greater king than I will ever be, even though you are so very young and have not made any policy speeches or announced any programs, or spoken a word. You are king not just because of what you have not done, not just because of what you will do. You are THE king simply because of who you are. I place at your feet this gold as an outward gesture of my understanding that you are God. I am honoured and awed to be able to do this."

Now there are lots of really nifty things about being a king. You have hot and cold running errand people to carry out your every whim. You never have to worry about where your next meal is coming from and you get to make a lot of decisions which will affect people's lives, hopefully in a very positive and life changing way. Kings also have really cool expensive stuff. They have the best and the best that could be offered was the gift of gold.

Gold is a soft metal, but it is also long lasting and expensive. The magi understood its significance and those who dabble precariously, perhaps foolishly in the Stock Market in the 21st century also understand this. They flock to gold in perilous COVID times because they know it is a very safe commodity.

Many of us know of someone or are privileged to wear a gold wedding band. It's gold because our marriage is special and sacred and precious.

At a wedding service the golden rings are given and received between husband and wife. There is a symbolism here too, just as there was with the magi and Our Lord. First, the golden wedding band is a symbol of the fidelity between the happy couple. You know how it goes 'forsaking all others'. So just as the husband and wife pledge themselves to each other, so too the Magi was not just saying that Jesus was any ordinary young King, but the magi was saying that "You are my king and there will be no one else as significant in my life as you. You are at the pinnacle of all my priorities, but even deeper and more mysterious than that, just as the bride and groom become one flesh and bound together in an indescribable but profound way, so too the magi as he lays his gift at the feet of the Christ child, is saying by this outward action, that you Lord Jesus and I are one. It really is what Christmass is all about; God and man becoming one flesh.

Second thing about the symbolism of Gold. Gold lasts for a really long time. The wedding ring goes round and round in an endless circle with no beginning or ending, so the vocation of the couple is that their love for each other will also go on and on. It might change, it might develop, it might mysteriously mature and evolve into something that it was not at the beginning. I would like to think that the Magi's desire for an unending relationship with the Lord was his deepest yearning. Finally, what pervades all of this, is a most marvellous sense of joy. The couples joy for each other. The marvellous joy for the Christ-child, the Lord's joy for all those who make pilgrimage to Him. You don't give gold to someone who you are hostile towards. You give gold to someone who makes you happy.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

He will speak peace to his people, To his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**R. Alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 13.24-37*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to St Mark

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>24</sup> 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,<sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.<sup>26</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.<sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.<sup>28</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.<sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.<sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.<sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.<sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.<sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.<sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn,<sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.<sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### 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

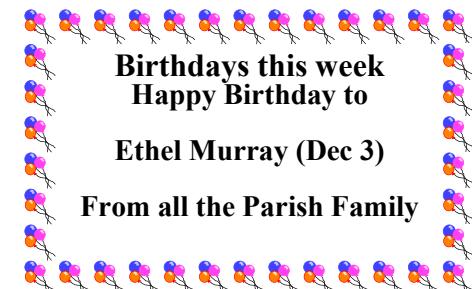
\$2 each. Funds to Virtual Fete.  
Phone Ken 0490 784 642 or 5571 2591

**Our virtual fete** is going really well and has realised \$3345.00 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

**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.



**Birthdays this week**  
**Happy Birthday to**

**Ethel Murray (Dec 3)**

**From all the Parish Family**

## 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

Stella Downs

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

Samuel Thornton—Priest	Gregory Mutch	Stuart Bell
Zoe Archer	Dawn Shoebridge	Charles Sandison
Francis Reynolds	Winston Forrest	Jessie Harris
Norman Thomas	Albert White	Vanne Trompf
Keith Allen	Robie McDonald	

### or the wider Church and its ministry

- The Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
- The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church
- All who have asked for the sacrament of marriage.
- The Chancellor: Charles Gunst QC
- The Advocate: Sally Macarthur Clyde.
- Property and Finance Committee: Mike Robins (Chair)
- Tsungup
- Local council and those involved and employed in local government.

### MU thought for the week

#### Season of advent

O Wisdom dwelling in the womb of God, generating and nurturing the earth, through the nights of darkness, come and cherish in us the seed of wisdom. Jim Cotter 'Cries of Advent' No 2. From Prayer in the Morning, Cairns Publications 1989.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Isaiah 9: 7

Nurturing has had a great impact on those receiving support from members in Scotland.

Released prisons no longer need to use paper to dry themselves. Members collected cloth towels to meet this pressing need and the recipients felt cherished indeed.

### A prayer that Fr. David found useful on retreat.

Lord Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your Passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side, Enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love that you offer, But hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Deep calling to me until that day comes, When, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.

## Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding  
 "Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus... is ...  
**"And come in your glory"**

Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus ...  
**And come in your glory**

No eye has ever seen greater wonders than what God has done for us. With confidence then let us offer our prayers to God, our Father.

That our Church may reflect our joyful expectation of Christ's coming among us. We give thanks for Bishop John and Janine and their ministry in this place. We pray for Garry, our Bishop and for the parish of Warrnambool; for Fr. Scott, Reverend Robyn and God's holy people there.

*Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus  
**And come in your glory***

For the holy land at this time. For those who make pilgrimage there and for the gift of safe travel.

*Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus  
**And come in your glory***

That this Advent season may be a time of renewal and recreation of human hearts. That we may find time to pause and remember the real reason for this time of preparation.

*Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus  
**And come in your glory***

For those who have asked our prayers and spend this day in physical, emotional or mental pain. For those who treat them and those who are anxious for them. for all volunteers and safety in their roles in the coming fire season especially during this pandemic time

*Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus  
**And come in your glory***

For the gift of safe travel on our roads and those who will be called out to serve them. For those who we love and are separated from by distance at this time.

*Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus  
**And come in your glory***

That Christ will bring into his Father's presence the souls of our deceased relatives and friends, especially the recently departed ....Stella Downs.... For those who have died at the hands of others and as a result of fire

*Prepare our hearts Lord Jesus  
**And come in your glory***

Jesus, Master, shape us in your ways of justice and mercy, form us in your peace and craft us in your love. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 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