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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

How many days old was Jesus when he was circumcised and given his name?

- (a) 10
- (b) 7
- (c) 8
- (d) 12

Fr. David's hard quiz

Which direction did the wise men travel to, going to Jerusalem?

- Westward
- Northward
- Eastward
- Southward
- We're not actually told

The answer from last weeks quiz was

Easy quiz	St Mark
Hard quiz	36 years

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

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 23rd December Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton		
Saturday 26th December Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton		
Sunday 27th December Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton		
27th December 2020	Isaiah 61.10–62.3 Galatians 4.4-7	Psalm 148 Luke 2.22-40	

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.

Something Fr. David wrote once

Scripture is not just written history. It is much more than that. The bible is an instrument of revelation. It reveals the Living Christ who walks among us and with us. It is the God within and beyond the text that invites and encourages us to get to know him To...

Laugh with him
 Dance with him
 Sing with him
 Dine with him
 Enjoy him
 Delight in him

**Anglican Parish of Hamilton****Fourth Sunday of Advent—20th 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 1.32–33

This child will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Collect:

Gracious God, whose eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will: prepare our hearts for his coming again and keep us steadfast in hope, that we may be ready for the coming of his kingdom; for his sake, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parish Directory

Parish Website: www.hamiltonanglican.org.au
Parish Facebook: 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.

**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

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 ★ Jeanine and Fr. David would like to wish
 ★ every one of you a very Joyous Christmass and a
 ★ fantastic 2021. Thank you very much for all your
 ★ support and encouragement through this very
 ★ wobbly time!
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Welcome to Fr. Robert Caernarvon Smith
 who is offering the Eucharist at the Saturday night vigil.
Thank you Fr. Robert!

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11, 7.16

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.’ ³ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.’ ⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built me a house of cedar?’ ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for

you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly,¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 89.1-4, 89.19-27

1. Lord, I will sing for ever of your loving-kindnesses: my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
2. **I have said of your loving-kindness that it is built for ever: you have established your faithfulness in the heavens.**

may come one day and see what they saw, Mother Mary and the face of your beloved son, even Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Reverend Jill of Calangatuck West. Reverend Jill was born in 1968 and sent to the far out and very remote area of Calangatuck West. She was not a highflying academic and not exactly an eloquent preacher. She did not ascend to the giddy heights of Archdeacon or Bishop. But at 8:30am every morning and at 5:00pm every evening, everyone in the little community knew where Reverend Jill would be. In Church saying her prayers. Whenever the hospital called she would always come. When Johnny the butcher broke his arm she unobtrusively made sure that food was provided and that the business went on as normal. She was a prolific writer and kept up to date with her correspondence. She died after a short illness. The community mourned Reverend Jill and they loved her... because they knew that Reverend Jill had loved them and had shown them something of God's love for them.

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.

Advent & Christmas Appeal 2020

Information and Giving Envelopes will be at the back of the Church.

This year's Appeal is for welfare & Education in East Africa and community projects in indigenous communities.

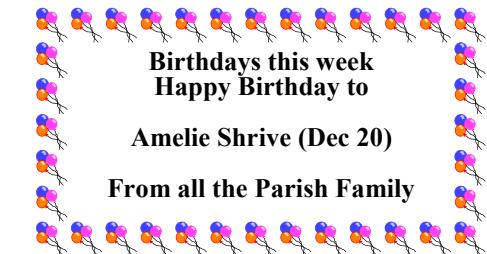
Supporting educational and community mental health projects in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Communities

Glenthompson Christmas Puddings

If you have forgotten your puddings from Glenthompson.. you're in luck! There are 4 small ones left. A bargain at \$30 each.

Do you have some spare flowers in your garden for Christmas for the Church?

If so, please leave them in the Church by Thursday morning.



Today's Homily



"Ho Ho Ho. Here is today's homily" chortled Santa

During this advent season I have offered a mini series of homilies entitled "Gifts for God" using the gifts the magi brought to Jesus. Gold, Frankincense and myrrh. Today, on the 4th Sunday of Advent, we will be pondering on the mystery of Mother Mary, because she gave her very self. Her whole being, Body and soul to God. That was her gift. Simply herself.

Now try as I might I have never quite been able to get my head around that incredible encounter we read about in Luke's gospel. Mary is just sitting there innocently enough, doing her crochet and the angel Gabrielle comes into the lounge room and asks this scandalously, outrageously, over priced thing of her. Now the emotional, psychological and physical cost to any mum is high enough, but an unmarried mum in Mary's day carries with it an extra burden. And then there is the mystery of the divine which is both the wrapping paper and the gift of Mary. This will imbue her for the rest of her life and beyond. And there is a wicked little part of me which wonders why on earth did she say "Yes". She could have said

"Yeah,... nah. I don't think so. Bad deal. Why don't you try cousin Martha? Or maybe Matilda who lives two doors down. She's into that sort of thing." Her life would have been a whole lot easier and less complicated.

But.. she says none of that. She says a simple 'Yes Be it done to me according to YOUR will.' And from that moment on things can never, and will never, be the same again. At a very significant level Mother Mary hands her very self over as the ultimate gift to God. Everything is up for grabs. Her body, her fears, her emotions, her womb, her tears, her laughter and delight. She offers the days where she is muttered and gossiped about behind her back. She offers her sleepless nights as she grows more and more

uncomfortable and maybe even some morning sickness for good measure. There is no going back. She cannot undo her promise and the conception. It's not like the bottle of aftershave that you can re gift to Uncle Freddy for his birthday. Our Lady's gift is .. well it's all of herself. Nothing more, nothing less. And here's another thing that always astounds me. It's not just Mother Mary handing herself for that single Archangel Gabrielle second or even offering herself for 24 hours. Our Lady also hands over all of her tomorrows. Ask anyone who has ever had a pet or a child. It's not just about that moment when you receive them into your home; that very first and special day. You receive them and give yourself to them the next day and the next day and all the other days into the future. It's one of the many great things that pets and children teach us. They change us not just for a single moment in time. They change us forever as will Mother Mary, as does the Christ child.

So we have reflected this advent on the gifts that the Magi brought. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. And that is right and proper and those gifts have much to teach us and we should emulate their generosity. But here with Mother Mary gift giving is taken to a whole new dimension. For you see it's not just about Mother Mary giving herself to God although that is mind popping in itself. It is what she gives to us. She gives us Jesus. Our brother, our friend, our saviour, our companion. This is Our Lady's gift to us and indeed to a waiting world that longs to see his face in our face. To see his actions in our actions, to see his love in our love. Now it is our turn to look in the mirror and ask ourselves the hard questions. What do we give to God? Do we dare turn ourselves over and ask Him to do what he wants of us? How can we too become a servant of the Lord? Enkindled by love and dedicated in selfless service. And what do we give to the world? Gold, frankincense, myrrh, ...ourselves? Do we dare?

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

3. The Lord said 'I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn an oath to my servant David.
4. **I will establish your line for ever: and build up your throne for all generations.'**
19. You spoke once in a vision: and said to your faithful one,
20. **I have set a youth above a warrior: I have exalted a young man out of the people.**
21. I have found my servant David: and anointed him with my holy oil.
22. **My hand shall uphold him: and my arm shall strengthen him.**
23. 'No enemy shall deceive him: nor shall the wicked hurt him.
24. **I will crush his adversaries before him: and strike down those that hate him.**
25. 'My faithfulness and loving-kindness shall be with him: and through my name his head shall be lifted high.
26. **I will set the hand of his dominion upon the Western Sea: and his right hand shall stretch to the streams of Mesopotamia.**
27. He will call to me "You are my Father: my God, and the Rock of my salvation."

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the

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Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

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

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.' ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

For those who have died

William Woods	Alberta Baker	Raymond Gerbert
Clara Middleton	Stanley Kinnersley	Joseph Vaughan
Lilian Stanley	Daisy Holmes	Dorothy Falkenberg
Geoffrey Dacomb	Lawrence Annett	Gilmore McCurdy
Lillian Campson	Laura Taylor	Catherine Woodward
Harold Holmes	Alys Sanders	Margaret Cooper
Viola Robertson	Maria Rippon	
Dorothy Charman	Eric Reid	

or the wider Church and its ministry

- San Diego (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dr Katharine Jefferts Schori
- Durham (England) The Rt Revd Paul Butler
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
- Markham
- The starving and malnourished.
- Those without medical supplies.
- Cathedral Carols @ 7pm

MU thought for the week

nativity
 From virgin's womb this Christmas day did spring
 The precious seed that only saved man:
 This day let man rejoice and sweetly sing
 Since on this day salvation first began.
 This day did Christ man's soul from death remove,
 With glorious saints to dwell in heav'n above.
 This day to man came pledge of perfect peace:
 This day to man came love and unity:
 This day man's grief began for to cease,
 This day did man receive a remedy
 For each offence and ev'ry deadly sin
 That he, with guilty heart, has wandered in.

'A Carol for Christmas Day' by Francis Kindlemarsh (fl. C. 1570) Verses 1-2
 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2: 6-7

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the bidding
 "Come from heaven, Lord Jesus," ... is
 ..."That we may live with you."

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
That we may live with you.

For our Church and our parish community that we may joyfully respond to the will of God with the faith and trust of Mary and Joseph. For Garry our Bishop. For the parish of St. Matthews Wendouree, Fr. Constantine and God's people there.
*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For all mothers and children in the womb..... For those who will give birth at this time and those who will tend them.
*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For the city of Bethlehem and those who will make pilgrimage to that city at this Christmass time..... For the gift of safe travel on our roads and for the gift of peace.
*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For all parents and guardians, that they may see in Our Lady a model of loving patience and selfless devotion.
*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For those who do not celebrate Christ's birth, that they too may know the joy and peace of the Messiah's coming. For ourselves as we prepare for Christ's coming among us. (Pause 1,...2,...3,...)

*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For those who we love and who are separated from us by distance this time. For those families where there is disharmony.

*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For all who have been affected by COVID this year that Mother Mary may surround them with her loving prayers.

*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

For our deceased relatives and friends, especially the recently departed... that they may dwell forever in the house of God.

*Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
 That we may live with you.*

Come Lord God, shatter the darkness of our world with the light of your love. May these prayers we offer, bring the light and peace of the Messiah into our own time and place. We ask this in the name of our hope, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Christ Church Cleaning/reading/intercession roster 20/12/2020 - 24/01/2021				
Date	Cleaning	Reader 1.	Reader 2	Intercessor
27/12/2020	Gladys	Helen Powell	John Oliver	Barbara Oliver
3/01/2021		Linley Bramall	Jannie	Robyn Wilken
10/01/2021	Rachel	Jenny	Betty	Celia
17/01/2021		Sue Mustow	Eileen Jolly	Lofty
			Helen	
24/01/2021	Jenny	Stewart Otton	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