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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz.

The date of Easter is determined by these two heavenly bodies

1. Mars and Venus
2. Sun and moon
3. Moon and the constellation Virgo (signifying the Virgin Mary)
4. The moon and the earth

Fr. David's hard quiz

What is the name of the animal named in the exultet

1. Lamb
2. Dove
3. Locust
4. Goat

The answer from last weeks quiz was

Easy quiz St Peter
Hard quiz Half way through the 7th century

Covid Mini Fete

If you would like to contribute biscuits or vegetables or anything that you had saved for last year's fete, your donations will be greatly received. Thank you.

All available in the Church hall.

Honesty system applies.

The Anglican Women's Guild of Hamilton

is looking for new members. Our numbers are dwindling due to age, ill health & departures. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 10am in the church hall. We have a meeting & then join together for a cuppa & fellowship. We look forward to when we're allowed to share lunch sometimes, a bus trip & also fund raising. We hope some of you will join us. If you're interested just come along next month on Thursday the 8th of April or phone Sue Mustow on 55725068

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Morning and Evening Prayer daily		Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 5th May	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 8th May	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 9th May	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

As a special treat Fr. Robin Elliot will be celebrating the Vigil mass on Saturday 8th of May at 5:00pm. Catch this guy while you can. Jeanine and Fr. David have a family commitment in Ballarat that day.

9th May 2021	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10.44-48 1 John 5.1-12	Psalms 98 John 15.9-17
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Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Fifth Sunday of Easter 2nd May 2021



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: 1 John 4.10-11

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Collect:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parish Directory		
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<p>While it is true that Fr. David has Monday as his day off he is always available in case of emergency.</p>		
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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

Guess What!! There are now two (2) stations to sign in
for when you come to Mass at Hamilton.

**Did you know... that you can use a QR
code thingy if you don't want to
sign in on a bit of paper?
Either way is terrific.**

1st Reading: Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is

to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 22.26-32

26. From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
27. **The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!**
28. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
29. **For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.**
30. How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

you might just remember the three cups on your kitchen bench and nudge yours a little closer to the other two where it belongs and revel in the closeness that is yours for the enjoying.

Thought for the Week from Mothers' Union Australia

Business and industry

May those who keep guard and those in charge, bless you, Beloved, praise your name and glorify you forever. Let the police and the courts bless you, great God The firefighters sing your praise.

Excerpts from Canticale 10, A Benedicite for the city, p. 455 in Out of the Silence ... Into the Silence by Jim Cotter. Cairns Publications, Harlech, 2006. Used with permission.

Our love affair with consumerism drives the excesses of business and industry. Our love affair with God, Jesus the beloved Son and the guiding Spirit will strengthen us to pray – for what, then? For honesty in Business, for charity in Industry: and in Our business and Our industry. Let us resurrect honesty and charity in our daily life You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. Leviticus 19:13 This week we pray for Mumbai, the city of business and industry, richest in India, home of the largest slum in India. Mothers' Union is connecting with women's groups in India: our prayer is a powerful beginning of this connection.

Mothers' Day Raffle coming up

Tickets \$1.00. Pampering pack from Victoria's. Drawn on 2nd weekend in May

Come along to Matins

at St. Peter's Glenthompson on the 2nd of May, the 6th of June and the 4th of July at 10am. All are very welcome.

MU MEETING

Our next meeting will be held this Monday – the 3rd of May, in the Canon Julien Centre at 1.30pm.

Our activity after the short business meeting will be- Sharing our favourite Prayer and/or Bible verses.

As always everyone is most welcome to attend our friendly get together.

Susan M 0408 528 781

Hooly dooly Parish Council meets again on Thursday 20th of May at 5:30pm

Q. What's Blue, Yellow and White and comes out on Anzac day?

A. The forms for the Annual meeting on July 25th.

- **The White One**
For everyone who is 18+ and has made their communion 3 times in the last year.
- **The Blue One**
For those who like to nominate for Parish Council
- **The Yellow One**
If you would like to be a Peoples Warden

Along with apologies and any items for general business they need to be returned by Sunday June 27th. White Ones to Lofty. Blue and yellow ones to Fr. David. Too Easy!

Today's Homily

The parable of the three tea cups

For this morning's exercise I want you to imagine that there are three tea cups in a line on your kitchen bench. Two of the tea cups are very close to each other, in fact they are touching each other. The other is some 6 inches or more apart from the other two. Got it? OK. Just hold that image in your brain. Now in this morning's gospel Jesus highlights the intimacy and relationship that He has with His Father.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower." This is not the only time Jesus highlights this closeness with his Father. "The father and I are one". "Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began". In fact John 17 pretty much oozes with this companionable, loving unity. It seems that Jesus and his Father are inseparable.

So the two tea cups that are placed very close to each other on your shiny kitchen bench are the Father and Jesus.

Now... Lets have a look at the rest of the gospel.

"Abide in me as I abide in you."

"The branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine."

"I am the vine, you are the branches".

So the third tea cup is... you.

And the very good news is that the intimacy, the closeness, the companionability, the unity and the love that the Father and Jesus enjoy.... is the very same delicious companionability and unity and love that Jesus wants to enjoy with us.

So shuffle your imaginary 3rd teacup close to the other two that are nestling together. Next in the gospel there is a fairly salutary lesson about producing fruit. It does not happen, it cannot happen, unless our tea cup is placed very close to the other two and stays there or in the imagery of the vine we cannot bear fruit, unless we are grafted into Christ and stay there.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Him.

"Those who abide in me and I in them bear

much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

And while our tea cup might slide away a bit, we keep on coming back each Sunday to re-establish that connection which to us might seem flimsy, flawed and fragile but from the Masters point of view we are always close.

This is good news for us and it is good news for the world. The Master wants to have, longs to have, aches to have, craves the same inseparability of relationship with you, as he effortlessly does with His Father. And it's when we allow that to happen, that fruit does ultimately blossom. Sometimes it takes a long time. Sometimes the fruit is not voluminous; always the growing is hidden from us and always it is to his glory. We are outrageously and undeservedly privileged if we glimpse from time to time, the growth of new fruit. Sometimes too, it is the most unlikely vine dressers that produce the most fantastic fruit.

A little story from a long time ago to finish with. Once upon a time I used to take tours around Seppelts Great Western. It was a fabulous job and my first authentic 9 - 5 work a day week experience. It taught me much.

In the blithering cold of a Great Western winter, when the rain was chucking it mercilessly down, I used to catch the odd glimpse of the invisible people who would be out in the vineyards doing the pruning. I still think of them whenever I read this bit of St. John's gospel. Sometimes it seems as though everything is agin the work of God. That we labour in vain in the most appalling of situations and climates and nothing much seems to happen. Very much like those workers at Seppelts. But come February, March when the harvest happened, there was a buzz and activity and joy and sunshine. It seemed that we had waited a long time for this and the abysmal situation in the middle of June was a distant, dissolving night mare.

Sometimes we simply just have to do the hard yards, the praying in the freezing cold with no apparent result.

But what do we say to ourselves and to others when this is the case. When it all seems too hard and you cannot do it any more, or you simply don't want to do it any more. Then you might remember the invisible people in the vineyards of Seppelts. Or if it is easier,

31. **But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.**

32. This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia **Alleluia**

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth
Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 15.1-8

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

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

For those who have died

Neil Munro	Elizabeth Coles	Brian Taggart
Melville Campbell	William Richards	Emily Weise
Ethel Hore	Walter Doueal	John Cuming
James Tully	Ian Kennett	Julian Morris
Helen Dougall	Susan Neal	Amy Mitchell
Leslie Harlow	Harry Baker	Phyllis Baker
Clarice Jones	John Critten	

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
- The Cathedral: The Bishop (Acting-Dean), Martin Nadarajan (Assistant Curate). Christine Angus, (SSM Priest), Wayne Dorning, + Mark Burton, Mark Garner (assisting)
- Those suffering through the abuse of gambling.



The 5th Sunday of May is the 30th.

Normally we would have a bring and share lunch however due to COVID we will be unable to do this. The good news is that we are heading off to Cafe Catalpa. Names on the clip-board at the back of Christchurch or to Fr. David by Sunday May 16th at the latest. Our table is booked for 12:30pm. All are welcome. Yummee

HYMNS
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SUNDAY SCHOOL - every second Sunday
Next is May 16th

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding

Dear Lord...is....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will."

Dear Lord....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will"

We pray for everyone in the world, all the world leaders, everyone suffering from COVID 19 and their families. We also pray for all the Australian citizens who are stranded overseas and their families, that the Australian Government will help them get back to Australia as soon as possible.

Dear Lord....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will"

We pray for Bishop Garry and everyone in the Diocese of Ballarat that God guides them and keeps them safe from harm.

Dear Lord....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will"

We pray for everyone who is unwell, that God helps them overcome their suffering.

Dear Lord....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will"

We pray for the Departed and their families that God can comfort them in his embrace.

Dear Lord....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will"

We pray for all the animals in the world that God protects them from illness and harm. We also pray for all animal owners who have lost their animals from ill health or accidents, that God puts his arms around them and comforts them in their suffering.

Dear Lord....

"Please help us and guide us to do your Will"

Lord please listen to our prayers and answer our prayers.

An Easter Reflection

Pilgrims to Emmaus

"...It happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him

And.....

He said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them what referred to Him in all the scriptures" (Luke 24: 15, 25-27).

In these times of COVID, we can identify all too well with the disciples on their journey AWAY from Jerusalem, the place of lockdown and isolation for the friends of Jesus. They are grieving and feel abandoned and lost; it is the stranger on their road home that makes them experience life to the full again. However, it is only by allowing Jesus into their own isolation and pain that they can experience the overwhelming love of God as they share a meal together.

It is at the table of plenty that these disciples realise that they are actually missionaries and return BACK to the isolation of the Upper Room to bring Good News. Perhaps we can once again invite Jesus into our own homes in our isolation; why not say a grace before meals and make that presence that little more obvious?

Lord God, as disciples on our pilgrimage, we implore Jesus Christ: stay with us, Lord. Open our hearts to true conversion and, as we have known the Lord in the breaking of the bread, so make us witnesses of a new humanity, renewed, reconciled and at peace in Your love. Send us as heralds of the repentance and forgiveness You offer to all in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You, forever and ever. Amen.