

## dNews

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### Fr. David's easy quiz.

How many stations of the cross are there?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 14

### Fr. David's hard quiz

Fr. David's biretta has 3 blades or pips. In which two countries do birettas normally have 4 blades or pips

- 1. Germany and the Netherlands
- 2. Italy and Denmark
- 3. England and the USA

The answer from last weeks quiz was

Easy quiz Sun and moon

Hard quiz Lamb

### 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

### Hamilton Ladies Guild

meets on Thursday the 13th at 10:00am.  
All are very welcome

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Morning and Evening Prayer daily		Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 12th May	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 15th May	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 16th May	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

16th May 2021	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 1 John 5.9-13	Psalms 1 John 17.6-19
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## Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Sixth Sunday of Easter 9th 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: John 15.16*

Jesus said, 'You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit.'

*Collect:*

Loving God, your Son has chosen us and called us to be his friends: give us grace to keep his commandments, to love one another, and to bear fruit which will abide; through him who is the true vine, the source of all our life, Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Parish Directory		
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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 a bit of paper for the COVID Register or...  
Use your phone to register with the complimentary QR code.

**We Welcome to our Saturday night vigil Fr. Robin Elliot.  
All time guru and good guy. Enjoy him!**

*1st Reading: Acts 10.44-48*

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 98*

1. O sing to the Lord a new song: for he has done marvellous things;
2. **His right hand and his holy arm: they have got him the victory.**
3. The Lord has made known his salvation: he has revealed his just deliverance in the sight of the nations.
4. **He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel: and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
5. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth: break into singing and make melody.
6. **Make melody to the Lord upon the harp: upon the harp and with the sounds of praise.**

7. With trumpets and with horns: cry out in triumph before the Lord, the king.
8. **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it: the good earth and those who live upon it.**
9. Let the rivers clap their hands: and let the mountains ring out together before the Lord;
10. **For he comes to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

*2nd Reading: 1 John 5.1-12*

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> There are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning

## Thought for the Week from Mothers' Union Australia

### Eternal perspective

Welcoming the refugee

In an essay entitled *The Weight of Glory*, CS Lewis considers what it is we have our sights on. He says that what we desire affects how we live and that "we are far too easily pleased" and that "it would seem Our Lord finds our desires not too strong but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us". He concludes that "to please God ... to be the real ingredient in the divine happiness ... it seems impossible, a weight or burden of glory which our thoughts can hardly sustain. But so it is". CS Lewis *The Weight of Glory and Other Addresses*. William Collins, 2013. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4: 17-18 Let us give thanks for the work of the Mothers' Union in South Sudan. Amid the fear and hunger are those members who, with the hope and joy of faith, offer material support and an eternal perspective. **Alleluia!**

### 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. Peters Glenhompson on the 6th of June and the 4th of July at 10am. All are very welcome.

**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

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

"You did not choose me but I chose you".

As a very young adolescent I failed to grasp the full significance of these words. Perhaps I was incapable at such an early age. There was a crass, naive part of me that thought that I had cooked the whole vocation thing up myself. That somehow it was all my idea and of course I had rattled God's cage first and not the other way round. Mind you to rattle God's cage is something only done by the foolish, the brave and the desperate.

But there I was in the Bishops study one day, dewy eyed and dripping with idealistic piety. Apparently later on the Bishop said to someone that I was like a young puppy dog falling all over itself in a rush to get to the altar. Little did I realise that the altar was the place of brokenness and sacrifice.

Somehow I had thought that this priesthood thingy was all my idea. Didn't I carefully choose my year 12 subjects with theological college in mind. Hadn't I, all by myself, come to the inescapable understanding that there was nothing else that I would rather be?

It took countless years to come to a more helpful perspective, a clearer understanding that it was actually God's initiative a very long time ago.

You did not choose me ... no I chose you. Read it more carefully, more diligently. What does the text tell you? What does the text actually say?

But all this vocation is equally as important and right for you as well. God had always wanted you to enjoy him and over the years has provided opportunities for you to respond. They may have been subtle and they may have come in strange wrapping paper, but God has always taken the initiative with you and wanted you to be here with him at the altar today.

Now for the irksome bit.

If God sends us out to encounter and engage with other people, then he must also send other people to rub shoulders and to challenge us and draw us ever closer to Him. And that

is a celebratory and challenging vocation. Further we are called to be the fruit that will last and not wither at the first blight of fear or disappointment.

And while I wonder who it is that you might engage with and enjoy this week, I wonder who it is that God will send into your life to help you grow into the person He has called you to be. Sometimes we need to have a few rough edges sanded off us and so God will send us the appropriate person. Sometimes we need to be soothed, sometimes we need to be listened to and sometimes we just simply need to listen.

You and I are in the terrifying business of worshipping a God who takes the initiative and calls liquorice all sorts into His family as our brothers and sisters. A quick think about some of the clergy that you have had should tell you that God has the most outrageous, scandalous and puzzling sense of humour. And I can't help but think that sometimes He just plays with us given the curious people He gives us.

We don't get to choose the people God sends into our lives. He takes the initiative and gives us who will be best for us and sometimes they are not altogether to our liking. Ultimately it must always be who we need. Not who we want. It must always be what God wants. Sometimes the God of surprise and vocation is exasperating but He is never boring.

You did not choose me... no I chose you And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. Michael Leunig knew this well so I conclude with a prayer he wrote. It explains this vocation or sending concept in charming but confronting words. It would take a very courageous soul to use it. One day I might be trusting enough of God to pray it.

God give us rain when we expect sun.  
Give us music when we expect trouble.  
Give us tears when we expect breakfast.  
Give us dreams when we expect a storm.  
Give us a stray dog when we expect congratulations.

God plays with us, turn us sideways and around.

Amen.

his Son.<sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.<sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia Alleluia**

I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel: John 15.9-17*

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**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.<sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.<sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.<sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.<sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## An Eastertide Reflection

Jesus is recognised in the breaking of bread " ...They urged Him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' So He went in to stay with them. And it happened that while He was with them at table, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that, their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us'" (Luke 24: 29-32).

In these days of physical isolation 'going to Church' has taken on a whole new meaning: The irony of physical isolation is that, for many of us, our sense of community has never been stronger. In these trying times, Jesus is using YOU to feed your family: feed them with your stories, with your memories and, above all, with your PRESENCE and LOVE. One day you will look back on these strange times and realise that you have deepened your sense of community and that the BODY OF CHRIST is a reality in your family. As you grace your table today, pray for everyone who has got that food to your table. Remember that the Risen Lord sits with you, he is the guest at your table today: enjoy his company.

Silence

You are truly blessed, O God of holiness: You accompany us with love as we journey through life. Blessed too, is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us, and whose love gathers us together. As once He did for His disciples, Christ now opens the Scriptures for us and breaks the bread. May the Eucharist we celebrate guide us to the fullness of Christ's life. We pray in the power of Christ's Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

## 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

John Kennessy	Rosina Clapham	Trevor Bloom
Daniel Hodgson	Elsie Nayler	Norman O'Flaherty
Albert Hyde	Allan Black	Ian Burger
Huon Lewis	Richard Yorston	Leslie Hatherall
Harold Kennett	Ethel Bennison	Elizabeth Smith (Beris)
Constance Wilson	Edwin Annett	David Primrose
Isabel Richards	Edward Hammond	Alice Fisher
Hannah Stephens	Rupert Cartledge	Tanya Page

### For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Daryl Couch (Locum), Adriaan Siersema (deacon) and Cheryl Haines (OLM Priest), Robert Caernarvon-Smith.
- (Anglicare) Ararat Parish Partnership and Community Development Project: David Law.
- Jinim
- Our Prime Minister and Federal Parliament during the COVID-19 pandemic.



## 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**  
**186 681 162 461**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL - every second Sunday**  
**Next is May 30th**

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

The response to the bidding  
"Lord, we may see your face".. is  
**"and be transformed into you".**

Lord, we may see your face ...  
**and be transformed into you.**

Jesus calls us his Friends, as He has made known to us everything He has learnt from the Father. In the joyful confidence of this friendship, we bring our petitions to the Lord.

That the Church may bear fruit that will last. We pray for Gary, our Bishop and for the parish of Ararat. For Fr. Daryl and Reverend Cheryl who provide ministry there. For a faithful priest to be found to serve God's people in that parish.

*Lord, we may see your face ...*  
**and be transformed into you.**

We pray for the peoples and nations of the earth, that they may seek together the peace and justice of God. For those who have been affected by war and COVID.

*Lord, we may see your face ...*  
**and be transformed into you.**

We pray for all children in the womb and those who are called to the vocation of being parents. We ask for the gifts of wisdom and discernment.

*Lord, we may see your face ...*  
**and be transformed into you.**

For those in our community who are alone and frightened. For those who do not have the courage and confidence to approach Our Lord and for those who are lapsed from their faith.

*Lord, we may see your face ...*  
**and be transformed into you.**

For all those who spend this day in our hospitals and institutions. For those who care for them and those who are anxious for them. For those who do not have the gifts of joy and love in their hearts at this time.

*Lord, we may see your face ...*  
**and be transformed into you.**

That the departed may enjoy the eternal rest promised them through the resurrection of Our Lord. We pray especially for the souls of the recently departed.....

*Lord, we may see your face ...*  
**and be transformed into you.**

Heavenly Father, you have commanded us to love one another, as you have loved us. Teach us how to be diligent in our vocation, compassionate to those in need and faithful in our love for You. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.