

**dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

**Fr. David's easy quiz.**

Confirmation candidates are anointed with

- The oil of Chrism
- The oil of the ill
- The oil of Catechumens.
- Olive oil

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

At Cenchreae St. Paul stopped in and

- Had a pedicure
- Had a manicure
- Had a haircut
- Preached at the local synagogue
- Healed a lame man

The answers from last weeks quiz were

1. The chalice
2. All of the Above

**Good times at Glenthompson**

- ◆ 1st Sunday of the month. Matins at 10:00am
- ◆ 2nd Sunday of the month Eucharist at 9:00am
- ◆ 4th Sunday of the month. Eucharist at 9:00am

**Some dates for your diary.**

- ◆ Hamilton Guild Thursday 9th of September at 10:00am.
- ◆ Parish Council on Thursday 16th of September at 5:30pm
- ◆ Saturday 16th of October. Take 2 on MDC training day. God's story - Our story.
- ◆ Confirmation and rite of reception Sunday October 31st 10:30am at Christchurch Hamilton
- ◆ Clergy Retreat: Monday, 8th November to Friday, 12th November, 2021.
- ◆ Our Parish Fete Saturday November 13th

**The Pew Sheet and Fr David's homily and musings**

can be viewed on our web site each week

[www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)

There is also other interesting information to be found

**Thank you** to our Parish family for the love, support and prayers for Brian and all our family.

Brian touched so many people's lives and he will be remembered with smiles.

Love Betty, Adrian, Ali, Julian, Abbi, Mason and Amelie.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Morning and Evening Prayer daily (Restrictions apply)	Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 8th September No Service due to restrictions	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 11th September No Service due to restrictions	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 12th September No Service due to restrictions	

12th Sept. 2021	Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost	Proverbs 1.20-33 James 2.18-26	Psalm 19 Mark 8.27-38
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# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost 5th September 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: James 2.13

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

*Collect:*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Parish Directory**

Parish Website: [www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)

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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:*  
Proverbs 22.1-2, 22.8-9, 22.22-23

<sup>1</sup> A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. <sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. <sup>9</sup> Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. <sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; <sup>23</sup> for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125

1. Those who put their trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion: which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.
2. **As the mountains stand about Jerusalem, so stands the Lord about his people: from this time forward for evermore.**
3. For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway over the land apportioned to the righteous: lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.
4. **Do good, O Lord, to those who are good: to those that are upright in heart.**
5. As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, let the Lord lead

them away with the evildoers: and in Israel let there be peace.

*Second Reading:*  
James 2.1-10, 2.14-17

<sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of

wants to use her angst to begin a relationship with her. What if the Master knew what He was going to do all along? That he always had every intention of healing the daughter, but saw an opportunity to make a new friend with a stranger from another land.

All of these things are just tiny starting dot points. The hidden, ineffectual and arrogant Christ are all the same one. They are the teacher who longs to speak to us and to engage with us and draw us onwards and upwards into His very self. This is the very best Christ that we could have. One who is constantly using every means He can to transform us into the very best that we can be. The most effective teachers were not the ones who gave me the answers on a silver platter and sent me away. The very best teachers were like my New Testament lecturer. The teachers who gave me just enough to keep on learning, to keep on asking, to keep on discovering, to keep on wanting to know more. The ones who stretched me and made me think ... really hard.

Praise then to the elusive Christ who reveals just enough of Himself so that we want to keep on learning, keep on asking, keep on discovering, keep on listening, keep on thinking... really hard. The elusive Christ who always wants me to get to know Him more and more. The one who wants to buy me a beer and chat with me. Silly me. It wasn't a put down from my lecturer. It wasn't about the beer and the essay at all. It was about a relationship.

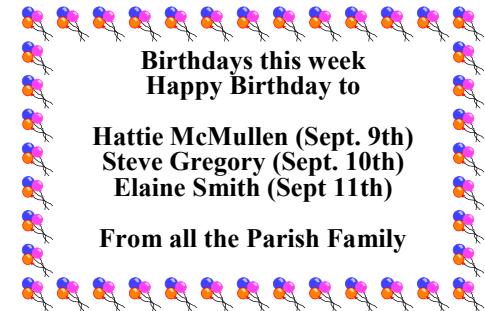
**Thought for the Week from  
Mothers union**

**Teaching and learning**

Charles Dickens saw social injustice in Victorian England on a huge scale – firsthand – and did his best to right the wrongs. When he wrote his wonderful novels, he believed that education would solve the problem, would lift people out of the mire and save his nation. Mothers' Union does vital work in promoting the education of women and girls. But humanity is not saved by learning alone, nor by business management, nor.... Our real life needs Soul food, Self-examination and Sincerity. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. Proverbs 4:13 The 2020 Report on International Religious Freedoms states that "In South Sudan in July, a local militia in Jonglei State attacked an Anglican church compound, killing 31 persons, including the church's dean and 14 women and children."

Hear our prayers, Lord.

**If you know of someone  
who needs pastoral  
contact in the parish or  
would like a pew sheet  
delivered please let  
Fr. David know.**



**Some words that Fr. David did not write**  
 The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we confront every form of polarisation which would divide it into two camps. We know that in the attempt to be freed of the enemy without, we can be tempted to feed the enemy within; so to give way to the grumpiness of others is the best way to take their place.

## Today's Homily

### In praise of the elusive Christ

“Dear David, Thank you very much for this essay, the logic of which escapes me. However if you like, I would be happy to buy you a beer so you could explain it to me. In bepuzzlement your New Testament theology lecturer.”

I want to come back to this little note at the end of the homily.

There are three things that I find difficult about today's gospel.

First there is the apparent put down of the woman by Jesus. When this poor, distraught Mum comes begging for an exorcism for her daughter, Jesus seems to be rude and insulting. ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.’

Imagine what our Safe Church officer would say about that. Bullying, discrimination and harassment for sure.

Secondly, Jesus wants to hide himself away and not to be talked about. “He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there”. “Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one;” Surely if you were the Son of God and had come offering salvation to all, you would spread the news as widely as and publicly as possible.

The third thing is Jesus' unsuccessful attempts for privacy and public silence. “He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there.... Yet he could not escape notice.” So much for having a quiet afternoon kip. “Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.”

So if Jesus is all powerful, then how come the people don't abide by his orders?

A motley collection of thoughts that might be helpful.

With the issue of the peoples disobedience to keep mum. The relationship that Our Lord offered to these people is the same one that He offers to you and to me. It is a relationship of trust and love. Like all relationships of trust and love this infinitely precious thing can be abused, misread or ignored all together. This love business and especially this God business, is a risky risky thing. When the Messiah stretches out his hands to reconcile and to heal, his palms will frequently be pierced and punctured. And this is true of us as well. When we reach out our hands in the name of friendship, or with the intention of hope and reconciliation there is always a risk of rejection and failure. Otherwise it is not truly love. If we reach out with a self seeking motive, where we hope to achieve or gain something for ourselves, then not only have we missed the point, we have missed out on a relationship that could be quite special and lovely and divine.

On the issue of the Christ who consciously chooses to conceal himself. My best starting point and that is all it is, is silence and hiddenness are often how love is expressed. The couple's silence over the candlelit dinner is not a sign of the absence of love, but rather the intensity of their relationship. What is harder to understand is the apparent absence of God's presence. When we seem to be calling in the dark and all we hear is the echo of our own unanswered prayers shouted out in frustration and anguish. Perhaps it is then time to listen. To listen hard and carefully. This is the bit in the prayer conversation when He wants to speak to us and wants us to discover that the Kingdom is already within us. We cannot do that unless we are very still and very quiet, sometimes for a very long time.

And what of our Lord's grumpy conversation with the Mother who in a sense, is just as tormented as her daughter. It is almost as if our Lord wants to engage her in conversation; that he is teasing her and encouraging her into a deeper dialogue. The Master knows the depth and passion of a Mothers love and He

you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia Alleluia**

Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 7.24-37*

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> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.’ <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat

the children's crumbs.’ <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ <sup>30</sup>

So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an

impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ <sup>35</sup>

And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

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	Dash
Fr Peter Treloar	Katie Kuiper	Barbara Millard
Virginia	Fr Paddy	Geoff Rowe
Dorothy	John O'Donnell	Joan Mallinson
Len Peters	Evan	

### For those who have died

Dulcie Potter	Mona Sutton	Keith Lakeman
Doris Alstin	Dorothy Jelleff	Robert Reid Heart/Lung Donor
Kathleen Jenkins	Arthur Drew	Rita Edwards
Dulce Stewart	Anna Hornby	Mary Ezard
Geoffrey Autin	Lorna Schultz	
Olga Winfield	Phyllis Bridle	
John Cameron	Charles Watt	

### For the wider Church and its ministry

- Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- MU Australia: Liz Fryatt
- Anglican Women's Guild: Jan Pearse
- The Auxiliary of ABM: Alice Knight
- Girl's Friendly Society: Nathalie Stevens
- Anglican Men's Society
- Bokopai & Bulolo / Wau
- Those suffering through the abuse of drugs.
- Those involved in drug rehabilitation

Baptism of Matilda Venning. Take 2.  
It all happens on Sunday 19th of September  
at 10:30am at Christchurch Hamilton.  
Matilda is the daughter of Todd and Laura.

**If you are called to the vocation of being  
a Father... a very Happy Father's Day!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL - every second Sunday  
Next is 19th September

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

The response to the bidding Dear Lord is .....  
**"Please listen to and answer our prayers"**

*Dear Lord....."*  
**Please listen to and answer our prayers"**

We pray for the whole world who is suffering from COVID 19. We especially pray for everyone in Victoria who are all affected by the COVID 19 Government restrictions, especially children, families, small businesses, large businesses, everyone in the medical field and everyone who are trying to celebrate special events, and many others, that restrictions may be lifted very soon so all of us can have a normal life again.

*Dear Lord....."*  
**Please listen to and answer our prayers"**

We pray for the sick that they recover from their illness. We pray for the Departed and their families that you, Lord, put your arms around them, give them comfort and guidance.

*Dear Lord....."*  
**Please listen to and answer our prayers"**

We pray for all the animals in this world that they are kept safe and well. We also pray for the animals that have departed this world. Please enfold them in your arms and nurture them.

*Dear Lord....."*  
**Please listen to and answer our prayers"**

We pray for everyone in the Diocese of Ballarat, especially Bishop Garry, Fr. David and all the Parishioners of the Hamilton Parish that you, Lord, keep them safe and healthy.

*Dear Lord....."*  
**Please listen to and answer our prayers"**

Dear Lord please guide us to do your Will and please listen to and answer our prayers.  
Amen

## Chronicle

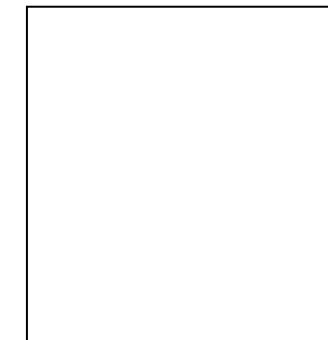
On Tuesday 31st of August a new edition of the Chronicle arrived. It has lashings about our Grammar school. It can be delivered free to your letter box no matter where you live in the Parish.

## Of Daylight saving

Daylight Saving starts in the early hours of Sunday October 3rd, this means that....

- All Saints' Penshurst October service on the 24th of October will be 5pm
- The Saturday night Vigil Mass will become 6pm on the 9th of October.

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**FIRMATION**