

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

In this week's episode our parish is mentioned!

Fr. David's easy quiz.

Last Sunday ...

- 3 people were confirmed and 3 people were received into the Anglican Communion
- 1 person was confirmed and 1 person was received into the Anglican Communion
- 5 people were confirmed and no one was received into the Anglican Communion
- 4 people were confirmed and 1 person was received into the Anglican Communion.

Fr. David's hard quiz

This year we have been reading from the gospel according to St. Mark. Next year we will be reading from

- The Gospel according to St. Matthew
- The Gospel according to St. John
- The Gospel according to St. Luke
- It has not been decided yet.

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- 140 years
- Jemimah

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Morning and Evening Prayer daily		Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 10th November	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 13th November	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 14th November	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

14th Nov. 2021	Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost	1 Samuel 1.4-20 Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25	Song Of Hannah Mark 13.1-11
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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

Fr. David's letter to you about this year's Fete

Did you get one?

Created Works of Art Exhibition and Sale

Earlene Gellert and Ellen McCartney-Lees will offer hand and machine made items for sale at "Walanga", 357 Blue Gum Road, Willaura, home of Neil and Earlene Gellert, on the third weekend in November. This will be a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts. Other presentations may include wood-work items, metal art, gold and silver art and more.

St Peter's Anglican church will also stock a stall of Christmas Cheer including mini puddings and Christmas cookery e.g.. White Christmas.

The Lions Club will hold a BBQ

Anglican Parish of Hamilton Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost 7th November 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: Luke 6.38

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

Collect:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of evil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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**

If you are sidesmen

Could you please make sure that folk check in by filling in the book or using the QR code

1st Reading: Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17

¹ Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you.' ² Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. ³ Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' ⁵ She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.' ¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴ Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel!' ¹⁵ He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' ¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷ The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, say-

ing, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 127

1. Unless the Lord builds the house: their labour is but lost that build it.
2. **Unless the Lord keeps the city: the watchmen watch in vain.**
3. It is in vain that you rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil: for the Lord bestows honour—and on those whom he loves.
4. **Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his gift.**
5. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior: are the children of one's youth.
6. **Happy the man who has his quiver full of them: he will not be put to shame when he confronts his enemies at the gate.**

aren't you just the most marvellous God for accepting my two little coins or my piece of old grey chewing gum. You are the loving God who rejoices in what I thought was a little gift, but is actually worth more to you than anything else in the whole wide world.

Next week's homily

Your reality should you choose to accept it

Hooray... It's Christmas pudding time.

These are available to order from: Earlene Gellert (0448 832 202) or Elisabeth Cumming. (0427 774 223). Small are \$30 and feed about 6 - 8 people. Large are \$50 and serve 10 - 12 people. Yummee!

Christmas cakes can also be made to order

18th and 19th of December

This weekend will be one with lots of Carols.

- Saturday 18th will be the 9 Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Hamilton at 7:00pm. This will take the place of the usual 6:00pm Vigil mass.
- Sunday 19th of December will be the Carol service at St. Peters Glenthompson at 7:00pm.

Please etch these occasions into your burgeoning diaries.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES

Help families in Australia and worldwide by buying your cards and diaries from the Mothers' Union.

Packet of 10 cards \$8; large diaries \$8; small diaries \$6.

There is a folder showing card designs at the back of Christ Church.

Cards are selling quickly and Design 1 has already sold out. It is possible for us to order a few more packets. If you would like some, contact Linley without delay.

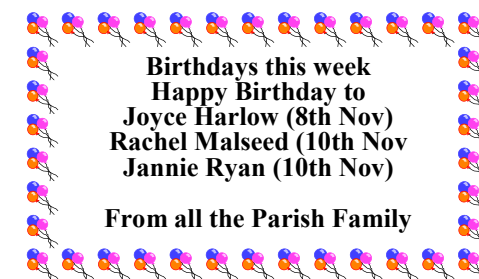
Inquiries and orders to Linley Bramall: 55721957, 0428582152

The next MU meeting

will be the outing to Anglicare in Warrnambool on Monday the 8th of November. After morning tea we will have a guided tour of their operation/facility. Then we will move onto the RSL for lunch. This venue requires us all to be doubled vaxxed- and will need proof of this on the day.

We are carpooling- and will leave at 9.30 am. We hope to be back in Hamilton about 4pm. Could everyone please let Sue Mason know asap - both if you are able to come, or are an apology- so that we can organise drivers and numbers at both venues.

"They're coming!" wailed Beatrice. "I know" exclaimed Harry and everyone got very excited because they knew that the Advent studies would soon be here.



Today's Homily

A piece of old grey chewing gum

The year was 1990 and it was the year after our daughter Stephanie had died. I was going through a particularly dark time with my prayers and understandably I felt as if all the sparkle had evaporated from deep inside me. Instead of water, joy and light there was darkness, gloom and sadness. Instead of my prayers being chocolate and mangoes, it felt as if I was chomping on a piece of grey old chewing gum.

And this went on not for days, but for months. Fortunately retreat came up and I went to the retreat conductor to seek advice. He listened patiently to my sad little story, offered his condolences and then asked 'If your prayers just feel like grey old chewing gum then why aren't you just offering that up?'

'Because' I explained, 'I am embarrassed by my piece of old grey chewing gum. God deserves better and I want to offer something much more sparkly but I have nothing else to give. I would be ashamed to offer him my old grey chewing gum'.

The conductor again listened patiently and reiterated the obvious. "David, if a piece of mangled old grey chewing gum is all you have to offer then just offer that. If that is all there is then it will be an authentic and honourable gift of prayer and God will accept it gladly and joyfully. It is not a sin to offer something that we think is sub standard. The sin, if I may say so, is to become a bit self centred about our chewing gum and to pretend that we know what God wants from us. To cling to it or allow it to cling to you, will mean that that is all you ever have to offer." Point taken Fr. Retreat conductor. Maybe the grey old piece of chewing gum was exactly what God wanted to take from me.

And so I began. It was excruciating at first. It was embarrassing and I felt as if I could be doing better, should be doing better. It took several dark agonising months before I found something other than grey old chewing gum on my plate which I could then offer to God in my prayers. It didn't happen overnight and it certainly didn't happen easily.

But the confronting truth I learnt was this. That in order to get rid of the grey old chewing gum I had to first offer it to God. To continue to hold it and guard it jealously to myself could only mean that it would be with me for the rest of my life to the exclusion of everything else and that is not what my daughter would have wanted and it is certainly not what God wants.

To be honest sometimes the bit of grey chewing gum is still there as a side serve and the trick is to offer it with just as much relish and just as swiftly as the mangoes, Tim tams and the glass of very good red.

Now I tell you that story for two reasons. First, as a way of encouragement to you. It may well be that someone who is listening to this or reading this is going through the 'old grey chewing gum phase'. If this is you, I encourage you in the strongest and yet most compassionate way to simply offer up your grey old piece of chewing gum and to do the same tomorrow and the next day and the next day and... you're beginning to see a pattern here right?

The second reason I tell you this story is because it fits very nicely with the widow's mite in the gospel today.

Maybe the widow felt squeamish and embarrassed, particularly if she had to make her offering in front of everyone. Remember that our Lord and the disciples were watching people putting their cash into the plate.

Or maybe the widow was a little further down the track. Resigned to the fact that she was a widow which was at the bottom of societies scrapheap and while she was not cheerful and chipper she was tolerably OK, knowing this was what she had to do and she was just simply batting it out and seeing where this next little path of her life would lead her. Or maybe... and this is what I would like to believe even though I have no proof of it... Maybe she was comfortable and joyful in offering her two coins to God. Yep, for the time being at least this is all I have and I know God rejoices in my gift even if it is not as much as the boys from the top end of town. These two little coins are all that I am and the rest is over to you God. There is a real sense in which these two coins are everything. It's my very self that I am giving over. And

Second Reading: Hebrews 9.23-28

²³ Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia **Alleluia**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12.38-44

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

³⁸ As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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	Katie Kuiper	Nalani
Fr Peter Treloar	Fr Paddy	Sue Mustow
Virginia	John O'Donnell	
Dorothy	Evan	
Len Peters	Dash	
Dorothy	Joan Mallinson	

For those who have died

Reginald Goodwin	Alan Fowler	Thea Aisbett
Winifred Annett	David Baker	Florence Frome-Fyffe
Arthur Kipping	Eric Nolte	Ivan Bird
Gary Holmes	Russell Keeble	Heather Moore
Moir Armstrong	Lillian Coxon	Maxwell Millard
Stanley Kennett	Beatrice MacKirdy	

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Canberra and Goulburn: Mark Short, Carol Wagner & Stephen Pickard
- Kowree: Robin Elliott
- Hamilton: David Oulton
- Ginja
- Victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

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The weekend in Port Fairy has been purchased.
Thank you to Rachel for her generosity and the folk who snapped it up.

As of the first of November you no longer have to book to come to church but you will have to have shown proof of being double vaccinated. Most of you have already done this. Thank you! Masks are still very much in fashion. Remember to sign in with the QR code or on the bit of paper when you arrive.

If you have not disclosed your status you are very welcome to come to the Eucharist at 5pm on Tuesday or have communion in your home with Fr. David at a mutually agreeable time.

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the bidding:
"Out of our poverty" ... is ...
'We cry to you O Lord'.

Out of our poverty ... **We cry to you O Lord**

The widow offered her coins with faith and trust in the God who loved her. Let us also come confidently before our loving Father, offering all that is upon our hearts. For the Church in her ministry to the disadvantaged. That she may be a welcoming home for all who are in need. We pray for Garry our Bishop and the parish of Horsham; for Fr. Dennis and God's people there.

*Out of our poverty ... **We cry to you O Lord***

For those who find themselves widowed and bereft. We pray that God may give them courage in their new way of life and that they may know something of the master's love

*Out of our poverty ... **We cry to you O Lord***

For all who seek to eliminate oppression, prejudice and persecution. For those whose work seems unrewarding and difficult. For those who have been made redundant and those who feel trapped in their jobs. For God's people who have been impoverished by COVID

*Out of our poverty ... **We cry to you O Lord***

That like the poor widow, we may respond to the plight of the hungry, the homeless and the unwanted. We pray for Geoff Ryan in his work with Anglicare and those whom he serves.

*Out of our poverty ... **We cry to you O Lord***

That those who have died in the peace of Christ may be welcomed by the angels and saints into the kingdom of God. We pray especially for the souls of the recently departed Geoff Roe

*Out of our poverty ... **We cry to you O Lord***

May the prayers we offer God be for the greater love and compassion to enrich the world. Hear our prayers for the peace of the human

family in the name of your son Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offering Envelopes

We are in the process of compiling the envelopes ready for your offering for the next 12 months. If you like to use this system and do not want to change there is nothing to do. Your envelopes will appear at the back of the Church by the last week of November. If you have never had envelopes and would like to use this method please contact Roma Keating or Jenny Rankin and we will make sure there is a year's supply for you or if you just want to donate monthly we can arrange just 12 envelopes to be set aside for you. Apart from putting your offering in the plate each Sunday a lot of our Parishioners have chosen to Direct Debit. If you are now direct debiting and we have issued you with envelopes in the past please let us know and we will delete you from our list and will not issue you with envelopes. Whichever method you use we want to thank you sincerely for your gift. Roma's phone number: 0419 605 439 Jenny's phone number 0419 110 817