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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz.

The carols at Christ Church Hamilton are on Saturday 18th of December at

- 3pm
- 7pm
- 4:30pm

Not quite sure yet.

Fr. David's hard quiz

At the retreat day on Tuesday the 9th of November, the clergy talked about ...

- Chooks
- Footy
- The weather
- Who ordered the parma for lunch
- Nothing. It was a silent retreat, holy meditative sort of day.

Scary confidential stuff.

The answers from last weeks quiz were
Fr David's easy quiz is GIPPSLAND
Fr David's hard quiz is BOAZ

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning and Evening Prayer daily	Christ Church Hamilton
Tuesday 23rd November 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Mass for those whose vaccination status is undisclosed	
Wednesday 24th November Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 27th November Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 28th November Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton
Eucharist 4.00pm	All Saints Penshurst
28th Nov. 2021	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jeremiah 33.14-16 Psalm 25.1-10 1Thessalonians 3.9-13 Luke 21..25-38

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

Coffee for the chaps happens at the Hamilton Hamper on Thursdays at 3pm.

"Hooray!" shrieked Esmeralda.

"The ladies coffee is back on again at The Lemon Myrtle Café on Thursdays at 3pm." She was so excited that she had to have a cuppa to calm herself down.

**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**

Christ The King-Last Day after Pentecost-21st 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: Revelation 5.12

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing.

Collect: .

Everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parish Directory

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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**

If you are sidesmen Could you please make sure that folk check in by filling in the book or using the QR Code. **New Covid arrangements as from midnight, Thursday, 18th November. Fully vaccinated now refers to 12 years and over. Services for those fully vaccinated: - No density limits. Masks do not have to be worn. Services for those whose vaccination status is undeclared or unknown: 5pm Tuesday or Holy Communion at home.**
Density Limit of 4sq up to a maximum of 50 people. Masks have to be worn.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 23.1-7

¹Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: ²The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. ⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 132.1-12

1 Lord, remember David and all his trouble: how he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob;

2 'I will not enter the shelter of my house: nor climb into the comfort of my bed;

3 'I will not give sleep to my eyes: or slumber to my eyelids,

4 'Till I find out a place for the ark of the Lord: a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

5 Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah: we found it in the fields of Ja-ar.

6 Let us go to the place of his dwelling: let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.

7 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place: you, and the ark of your might.

8 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness: and let your faithful ones shout for joy.

9 For the sake of David your servant: do not turn away the face of your anointed.

10 The Lord has sworn to David: an oath which he will not break;

11 'One who is the fruit of your body: I will set upon your throne.

12 'If your children will keep my covenant and the commands which I teach them: their children also shall sit upon your throne for ever.'

Second Reading: Revelation 1.4b-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,

each other.

But the question also applies to us and I leave you with some confronting stuff and some gooey stuff to finish with.

The confronting stuff.

"What have you done?"

I'm sure there are times in our life that we have asked this question of someone else. And it is highly likely that we have had no understanding of the person, no understanding of what has led them to this place, this time, this predicament, this future. Nothing happens in a vacuum. We ought to be very careful before we ask this question.

The gooey stuff which someone else wrote for me.

And Pilate's question: "What have you done?" How is it to be answered in a few words? It is the story of Jesus from the moment of the Annunciation, through Bethlehem and Nazareth, to the public life of preaching and teaching, healing and liberating and finally suffering, dying and rising – out of love. Instead of answering, Jesus speaks of the nature of his kingship.

And us...

Your story, your life, what you have done cannot be answered in a few words. It is the story of you. Your own unique and fantastic story. From your parents, to your public life to your private life with all its triumphs and disasters. With all its tedium and dreariness, colour and sparkle. Sometimes for better, sometimes for worse. We can never have a complete perspective to understand what it is that we have truly done in a holistic and multidimensional way.

When you reflect on your life, what you have done, you will probably realise that it is far more boggling than you ever believed possible. And when God eventually reflects on your life with you, then you will discover it is far more richer, far

more complex and even far more lovelier than you could ever have imagined.

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

MOTHERS' UNION CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas celebration will be on **Monday December the 6th commencing at 6pm.**

Covid restrictions allowing we will have our traditional progressive tea.

Could members please contact either Susan or Glenys with attendance and your contributions

Susan M.

Today's Homily

Today's homily

"What have you done?" A reflection for Christ the king November 21st. Pilate asked Jesus "What have you done?"

It's a good question to have a play with because it applies directly to us in all sorts of ways. Notice please that in the scripture the question isn't answered.

Let's start with what Pilate is not asking.

Pilate is not asking Jesus for his CV.

He was not asking for a comprehensive list of all Jesus miracles, wine making, storm stilling and teaching.

Pilate is not asking if Jesus matched up to the KPI's and job description of a Rabbi / Messiah / all time good guy / faith healer / teacher.

We are not looking in on a job interview here.

In fact I actually don't think Pilate is really looking for an answer at all. I do think Pilate is really asking himself...

Yikes! What are my options here? I think Pilate is searching for a way forward. Looking for an escape hatch.

I think Pilate is asking Do you understand the mess that you have got yourself in, and me as well. I am constrained by pressure from above, my boss Herod, and from pressure below the baying crowds. What have you done... to... me?

I wonder how Pilate spoke the question.

When I read the text I imagine Pilate asking the question in a hushed sense of disbelief. For me at least it's almost as if he can't believe that Jesus would be so crazy as to place himself under the possibility of cru-

cifixion. Do you understand that the consequences of your actions could leave you as a mangled corpse on a cross?

So when I read Pilate's question it's like... Do you understand the enormity of your actions and what must certainly happen now?

It's a rhetorical question. I don't think Pilate really wanted an answer; it was a cry of exasperation. This recalcitrant Jew was just one more complexity that Pilate didn't need on his desk. The chief priests and Jews have handed Jesus over and Pilate doesn't know why. He has no understanding of the Jewish theological nitty gritty.

To dig a little deeper it might help if we have a look at the previous sentence.

"Pilate says 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me'.

Your own people have handed you over Jesus. How is it that your own people can hand you over knowing what the likely outcome would be? How could they turn against one of their own?

What would inspire people who hate Roman rule to bring one of their own with demands for Roman judgement and death? You must have done something pretty jolly spectacular to make them so grumpy.

But dig a little deeper again. Jesus did not arrive out of the blue because the Jewish authorities got up one day, had a shower, brushed their hair, and decided that they had nothing else written in their diary. The question 'What have you done?' had been brewing for several years now. Both from the Pilate / Roman timeline and from Jesus' own timeline. This encounter between Jesus and Pilate is where the two inevitabilities finally crash into

⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 18.33-37

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come .

Alleluia, alleluia

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

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to

testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Jeanine and Fr David

Will be on some R n R on Monday, 6th December to Wednesday, 15th December. Fr Robert will be here to celebrate the masses on the weekend of 11th December and 12th December. The Parish of Warrnambool will be on call in case of emergency. P 55611687.

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Thank you very much everyone. I know that you will look after Fr. Robert and enjoy him as he always enjoys coming to see you

Did you know that you can donate to Anglicare at any time? A list of the desired goodies is attached to the container which is in the Church porch at Christchurch Hamilton.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP

Commencing on Tuesday 30th November in the Church Hall.

7.30-8.30pm using the Advent Study produced by the Diocese (available at the back of Christ Church). Running for 4 weeks- come to one or come to all. Further information- contact Susan Mason or Jannie Ryan

Fete Fundraising

November is Christ Church Fundraising Month. Could Parishioners please mark their Fete fundraising gift with the word **FETE** on it. Thank you.

"They're here!" wailed Beatrice.

"I know" explained Harry and everyone go very excited because the Advent Studies had arrived.

PLEASE NOTE:

Next Week's Readers are:

Reader 1: Helen Powell

Reader 2: John Oliver

Intercessor: Celia

Sidespeople: Heather & Ian

