

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz.

On their holidays Jeanine and Fr. David will be going to...

- Healesville
- Melbourne
- Ballarat
- Moulin Rouge
- All of the above
- None of the above, instead they are going to New York.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The new Christ the Good Shepherd window has

- 5 sheep
- 7 sheep
- 10 sheep

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- 7pm
- Who ordered the parma for lunch

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

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**

First Sunday Of Advent
28th November 2021

Sentence: Luke 21.28

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

Collect: .

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; 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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**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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Morning and Evening Prayer daily		Christ Church Hamilton	
Tuesday 30th November 5.00pm Mass for those whose vaccination status is undisclosed		Christ Church Hamilton	
Wednesday 1st December	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 4th December	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 5th December	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld	
5th December 2021	Second Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3.1-14 Philippians 1.1-11	Song of Zechariah Luke 3.1-6
Reader 1:Betty	Reader 2:Sandra	Intercessor: Helen R	Sides People: Gavin & Elizabeth

Christ Church Hamilton	St Mary's Dunkeld	St Peter's Glenthompson	St Mark's Cavendish	All Saints' Penshurst
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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: Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 25.1-10

1. In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. **Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.**
3. Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.
4. **Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.**
5. In you have I hoped all the day long; because of your goodness, O Lord.
6. **Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.**

7. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me.
8. **Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**
9. The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.
10. **All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia

The Lord will speak peace to his people to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Alleluia, alleluia

Thing 2. Prayer is of the highest priority. The most important thing that I do each day is not putting things on Facebook, or trying to concoct homilies or, sorry to say it's not the bonhomie at the Hamilton Hamper on Thursdays at 3pm, pleasant and sparkly as all that is. The most important thing I do is this wrestly, wriggly elusive prayer thing. Everything else, in theory at least, flows out of that and from that. I know that this is one of the many things that Luke will patiently teach us again. I wonder what else we will learn as we meet Luke again.

Next week's homily. Road works.

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

Christ Church Guild

gets into the Christmass spirit with their breakup on Thursday 9th of December at lunch time at Sandra Millard's place. There is a list at the back of Christ Church Hamilton to sign up for the festivities.

Wow and Thankyou for the Created works of Art Exhibition
Last weekend saw a congenial gathering at Earlene Gellerts home. There were spectacular quilts and home made arts and crafts. There was delicious home made produce to purchase and the Lions did us proud for lunch. The sense of community and joy was palpable. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this such a wonderful event!

The latest edition of the giving envelopes are available for collection at the back of Christ Chruch Hamilton on the pew near the font. Can you help deliver some?

From the Registry in the Dnews

The Covid regulations have also removed the prohibition on shared food, drink and crockery which will make it easier to offer hospitality after services and at church occasions.

We do however need to be conscious that our State and our Communities are not yet Covid Free. Our Churches should still consider how food and drink can be provided in a risk aware way, for example servers wearing masks or use ways that minimise contact points with crockery and food.

From Fr David

In light of Hamilton's tricky week some of you may not feel comfy coming back for a cuppa after mass this morning. No-one will be grumpy, in fact they will be understanding, if you decide not to imbibe for another week.

On Tuesday 23rd of November,

Larry the cool cucumber grinned mischievously to himself as he tore open the white parcel from the post office.

"At last!" he yelped. "The new **Chronicle** is here. It's got something about a toilet seat and something about bishops and a bronze snake and ..."

Today's Homily

"Meet my buddy Luke".

You're probably aware that the gospel reading on a Sunday works on a three year cycle. So in 2020 we read Matthew. This year we have been reading Mark. We get huge chunks of John during Lent and Easter. In fact, the gospel for Good Friday is John's crucifixion story. Today we begin a new Church year and it's Luke's turn to shine. Here is a bit of background that I hope will be helpful for us. First up, Luke wrote one work which included his gospel and the book of Acts as we know it today. Originally they were just one single volume. When the New Testament was beginning to take shape, the two books were separated so that all the Gospels could be put together at the beginning of the list.

Part 1 of Luke's work the gospel tells us the story of Jesus from his birth to his ascension; Part 2 the Acts of the Apostles, tells the story of the early church from the ascension of Jesus to the preaching of the Gospel in Rome by Paul. As with the other gospel writers, we actually don't know a lot about who Luke the person. We do know that he came pretty much top of his class when he was doing Greek. His Greek is some of the best in the New Testament so we think that he was a well educated person, a gentile convert to Christianity. Luke is very passionate about certain themes and you will easily spot them in the coming year.

Theme one is universal salvation. Jesus came to save all people. The Gentiles and the Jews can be part of the Church of Jesus.

Theme two Jesus has great mercy and forgiveness. This is particularly focussed on Jesus' concern for the poor. Only Luke will have the story of the raising of the widow's son from the dead at Nain. Only Luke has the marvellous story of that recalcitrant, prodigal son who squanders his inheritance on unspeakable things and then comes bedraggled home to ask for forgiveness.

Theme 3, Luke is in touch with his feminine side. Women were often seen as second class citizens and this was the society in which Jesus lived. But Luke, bless him, goes to great lengths to include women in the Jesus story. For example the women Jesus meets on

the road to Calvary, the woman who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and the story of Martha and Mary. Also unique to Luke is the entire saga of Junior Jesus. So the story of John the Baptist's birth, the archangel Gabrielle crashing Mary's sewing session, the delightful story of Cousin Elizabeth and the Virgin Mary rushing to meet in each other, the children leaping around in the womb, and the two mothers to be swapping stories. The presentation of the infant Christ child in the Temple. Only Luke has the story of the naughty lad Jesus staying behind in the temple and teaching the scribes a thing or two while his bewildered parents go searching everywhere for Him. All these are recorded in Luke's gospel but are startlingly, puzzlingly absent in the other gospels. It begs the question... how come Luke has this stuff and the others don't? Or... where did Luke get this material from? Prayer is also an important theme for Luke. Luke associates prayer with the most important moments of Jesus' life. Jesus prays at his baptism (3.21), and after a day of working miracles. Before choosing the Twelve Jesus spends the night on the mount in prayer (6.12). Before Peter's confession of faith and his first prediction of the Passion, Jesus prays alone (9.18;) Jesus goes to the Mount-of-the Transfiguration to pray (9.29). He prays with gladness and thanksgiving after the mission of the seventy disciples because of his Father's revelation to the little ones (10.17-21). His example leads the disciples to ask him to teach them to pray. Jesus prays during his agony on the Mount of Olives (22.39-46) and during his Crucifixion (23.34-46). So Luke has much for us to learn and relearn. Two things from my muddy murky reflection. Thing 1. The infancy narratives teach us that Jesus was once a vulnerable child; a child who did surprising and boggling things. He had a life before he began his public ministry and when we encounter him in others in a challenging way, we should not forget that this person before us has come along a road that sometimes has been rocky and uncomfortable and is always hidden from us. All of us here were once dandled on our parents' knees and all of us infuriated and delighted our parents.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21.25-38

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' ²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.' ³⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. ³⁸ And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

"During this time there will be no weekday services."

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.

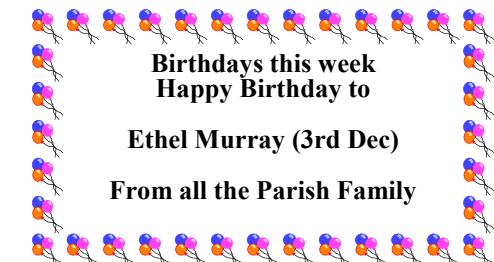
7.30-8.30pm using the Advent Study produced by the Diocese (available at the back of Christ Church). Running for 4 weeks- come to one or come to all. Further information- contact Susan Mason or Jannie Ryan

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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Ethel Murray (3rd Dec)

FROM ALL THE PARISH FAMILY

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	Gwen Kenny
Dorothy	Evan	
Len Peters	Dash	
Dorothy	Joan Mallinson	

For those who have died

Jean Stewart	Norman Thomas	Elbert White
Letvo Borschmann	Keith Allen	Robie McDonald
Samuel Thornton—Priest	Gregory Mutch	Stuart Bell
Zoe Archer	Dawn Shoebridge	Charles Sandison
Francis Reynolds	Winston Forrest	Jessie Harris

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church in Brasil.
- Mortlake: Donald Bellamy
- Prison Chaplaincy: Rob Ferguson & Kate Schnerring
- Tsendiap
- The terminally ill and those in great pain.
- Bishop's Advent Sermon Series "Abundance".

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding :
 "Prepare our hearts Lord... is ...
"And come in your glory"

Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

No eye has ever seen greater wonders than what God has done for us. With confidence then let us offer our prayers to God, our Father.

That our Church may reflect our joyful expectation of Christ's coming among us. We pray for Garry our Bishop and for the parish of Warrnambool; for Fr. Scott, Reverend Robyn and God's holy people there.

Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

For the holy land at this time. For those who make pilgrimage there and for the gift of safe travel.

Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

That this Advent season may be a time of renewal and recreation of human hearts. That we may find time to pause and remember the real reason for this time of preparation.

Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

For those who have asked our prayers and spend this day in physical, emotional or mental pain. For those who treat them and those who are anxious for them. For God's blessing upon our community responding to COVID at this time.

Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

For the gift of safe travel on our roads and those who will be called out to serve them. For those who we love and are separated from by distance at this time.

Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

That Christ will bring into his Fathers presence the souls of our deceased relatives and friends, especially the recently departed
 For those who have died at the hands of others and as a result of fire.
Prepare our hearts Lord...
And come in your glory

Jesus, Master, shape us in your ways of justice and mercy, form us in your peace and craft us in your love. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mothers' Union Christmas

Our Christmas celebration will be on **Monday, December 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.

An appeal from Betty for two double or queen size blow up mattresses and a single mattress as her family is coming for Christmas holidays

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Christmas Times—Roster

For Parishioners who will be attending Christmas in Hamilton there is a spot for you to put your name down to help with the Christmas Services not catered for in the normal Parish Roster. Please see the Roster at the back of the Church. Jenny Rankin.

Live Streaming on Sunday Morning

With the lifting of restrictions we no longer need to live stream the Sunday morning eucharist at Christ Church Hamilton.

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