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Fr. David's easy quiz

Another name for Morning Prayer is

- Vespers
- Sext
- Prime
- Matins

Fr. David's hard quiz

Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are"?

- Phillips Brooks
- Father Josef Mohr
- Charles Wesley
- John Henry Hopkins Jr

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- December 6th
- None of the above

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Morning and Evening Prayer daily	Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 5th January	Eucharist 10.00am
Saturday 8th January	Vigil 5.00pm
Sunday 9th January	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am

9th January 2022	The Baptism Of Our Lord	Isaiah 43.1-7 Acts 8.14-17	Psalm 29 Luke 3.15-22
Reader 1: John	Reader 2: Jannie	Intercessor: Heather	Sides People: Rachel & Judy Trompf

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

PUTTING CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS.

Free to a loving home T Shirts in various colours and sizes. Available at the back of Christ Church Hamilton.

January is the time to return your Palm Crosses

Can you find them?

Coffee for the chaps

happens at the

Hamilton Hamper on Thursdays at 3pm.

"The Cultivation of Christmass Trees" is just one of the enthralling articles in the latest edition of our Chronicle. It arrived in the parish on Thursday 30th of December. Get yours before they all go.

**Anglican Parish of Hamilton****The Epiphany Of Our Lord
2nd January 2022**

Sentence: Matthew 2.11

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him.

Collect: .

Eternal God, who by a star led Magi to the worship of your Son: guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; 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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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: Isaiah 60.1-6

1. Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
2. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
3. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
5. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
6. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord .

children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

5. May he live while the sun endures: and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.
6. **May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields: and as showers that water the earth.**
7. In his time shall righteousness flourish: and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
10. **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**
11. All kings shall fall down before him: and all nations do him service.
12. **He will deliver the needy when they cry: and the poor that have no helper.**
13. He will pity the helpless and the needy: and save the lives of the poor.
14. **He will redeem them from oppression and violence: and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 72.1-7, 72.10-14

1. Give the king your judgement, O God: and your righteousness to the son of a king,
2. **That he may judge your people rightly: and the poor of the land with equity.**
3. Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness: and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
4. **May he give justice to the poor among the people: and rescue the**

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power⁸ Although I am the

And this pilgrimage to you goes on each day and every week. Off I go ...setting out, asking, hoping, discouraged and disappointed sometimes, lost frequently, but always being steered by that distant star that I sometimes glimpse out the corner of my eye. Someday, one day I will come home to you and not only will it be more than worth while... but every disappointment, every blistered footsore, every irritant will dissolve the moment I open my eyes in death.

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

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 Christ Church Hamilton.

Here are exciting things to write into that shiny new 2022 diary of yours.

- ◆ The unveiling of the Photo of the Rev'd Marjorie Keeble on Sunday January 16th after the 10:30am Mass.
- ◆ The blessing and dedication of the Good shepherd window in memory of Ann Sandison on Sunday January 30th at the 10:30am mass. This is the fifth Sunday of the month. Bring some lunch to share. But wait there's more. A baptism.
- ◆ "For those who are comfortable, both of these events will be followed by a bring and share lunch. You may wish to bring your own set of tongs".

- ◆ Christ Church Guild meets on Thursday January 13th at 10am to begin to organise the World day of Prayer.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday March 2nd. Masses at 10am and 7:00pm
- ◆ Easter day 17th of April
- ◆ Rev. Judy pops into the Saturday night Vigil on January 29th at 6:00pm

New Roster

Copies of the new roster beginning 2/1/22 are at the back of the Christ Church. If there is anyone who would like to help in any way please talk to Jenny. Helpers particularly for cleaning are very low. Thank you.

From Our Parish Family at Penshurst



Today's Homily

"2 Windows in Christchurch"

There are in fact two windows in Christchurch Hamilton which depict the visit of the Magi. Fortunately they are at opposite ends of the Church. One is in the Lady Chapel and one is near the font.

That's not the only difference. The one in the Lady chapel is quite bright in its colouring. In fact you could almost be mistaken for thinking that the magi visited the Christ-child and his mother in broad daylight.

The one near the font however uses darker colours to show that it would have been night time when the Magi visited. They were using a star to navigate so it was probably night.

A couple of misconceptions that you probably already know about but which are good to be reminded of.

We easily and understandably jump to the conclusion that there were three kings because there were three gifts. But nowhere are we told how many of these chaps turned up. There might have been two or more kings plus a little entourage of people to do the cooking and water the camels and mend the sandals.

The image that we bring to mind is of a cute little scene in the stable, but in fact the Christ-child would have grown a bit because the magi got off track and had to ask for directions. Further we are told that the Holy Family were now well and truly ensconced in a house and had left the stable a while back. Matthew tells it this way

"11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him."

During the visit of the magi Joseph is blithely conspicuous by his absence. It's not until after the magi have departed that he has one of his famous dreams and plucks his vulnerable family out of danger and goes second class express to Egypt. So where was Joey when his wife was getting all the presents? One scholar of a very dubious repute posited the theory that when Mary saw these guys approaching with their camels and entourage, she panicked and realised that she didn't have enough Tim tams, Stilton Cheese and red

wine to properly entertain such distinguished looking guests. There was only one thing for it and that was to send Joey off to the supermarket with the credit card to get some party food and refreshing beverages. Alas, the 12 items or less aisle was clogged with other shoppers who had thought that the guys on the camels were coming to visit them; so by the time Joey got back from his shopping spree the magi had left.

There is nothing at all to substantiate this sketchy piece of academia which leaves us pondering where was Joseph and how come he missed out on getting all the nifty presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

The story over all is one of reassurance. That despite the trickery and deviousness of Herod, God's purpose is still worked out and there is a very real sense in which God uses Herod to bring about his plan and if that be the case, then all is not lost and God can use whoever he will, in whatever way he chooses, to bring about the manifestation and epiphany of his Son.

Something that is a little odd and something I think about.

The thing that is odd. The window in the Lady Chapel. This window only has images of the three Magi. There is no cute vista of Mary and the Christ-child. It's all about the Magi. I think about those funny gentlemen as they trudged through the desert in the middle of the inky black night. I reckon they might have got a little irritated with each other but give them their due... they got there.

So their journey, is my journey, is your journey, is our journey.

Someday I'll find you and you will not be where I expected you to be. You will not be in Jerusalem the powerful epicentre of the land.

And it will not be when I expect; in brilliant spring sunshine but in the middle of my darkest night.

And you will not be what I thought. And you will not be with those I would expect.

Just like Herod and the people I will be perturbed and disarmed.

And I will bring my gold, my frankincense and my myrrh and go home by a different route, a fresh resolve, a new impetus.

very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia

We observed his star at its rising,
and have come to pay him homage.

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Matthew*

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

1. In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
2. asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'
3. When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
4. and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
5. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
6. "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

7. Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
8. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'
9. When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
10. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
11. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 2 January 2022

Time For Transformation

Although it's the beginning of a New Year, the real reason of the season is the wonder of Christ's birth. The gospel writers shout from the rooftops that glory shines in human form. Charles Wesley wrote that Jesus was 'born to give us second birth'. You may suddenly become aware of yourself, who you really are. We are never too old or set in our ways to break open our hearts.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Mothers' Union members worldwide are called to look to the future with fresh vision. God's love in the life of Christ, human and divine, transformed the world. Loving, welcoming and accepting congregations transform the church.

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need

Phil Reid
Fr Peter Treloar
Virginia
Dorothy
Len Peters
Dorothy

Katie Kuiper
Fr Paddy
John O'Donnell
Evan
Dash
Joan Mallinson

Nalani
Gwen Kenny

For those who have died

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Margaret Egan
Mary Pinkerton
Audrey Cooper
William Sellars
Albert Madden

Alvis Martin
Dorothy Eagles
Norah Turner
Doreen Pinkerton
Frank Uren

Alexander Murrell
Helen Russell
Joan Baker
Shirley Simpson

For the wider Church and its ministry

- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- The Cathedral: The Bishop (Acting-Dean), Canon Michael Davies (Dean-designate), Martin Nadarajan (Assistant Curate). Christine Angus, (SSMPriest), Wayne Dorning, + Mark Burton, Mark Garner (assisting), Br Neil Salan OP(A)
- Those suffering through the abuse of gambling.

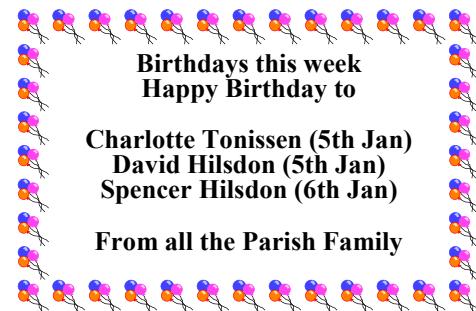


Jeanine and Fr. David wish you all the very best for a Joyous Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

If you are visiting during this time

Welcome. If you normally receive communion in your own church and would like to do so today you are encouraged to join us at the altar.

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Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding :
"Lord of glory",... is "**hear our prayer**"

Lord of glory,... "**hear our prayer**"

Jesus Christ has come in power and glory; let us lift our voices in praise to him. For the Church to whom a promise has been given; For our Diocesan Family and Garry our Bishop leading us into the future and those who work at the Registry office. May we all be a light for the nations, revealing God's presence in the world.

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

For the world upon whom light has come; For all the ends of the earth that they may see the saving power of God. May places overshadowed by war and devastation, be raised up in splendour and shine radiant with peace. We remember especially the people in Afghanistan

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

For all who we love scattered throughout the nations: May they continue to walk by the light of Christ and find the star that will lead them safely home.

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

For this new year filled with expectation; For all who hope in God's promise: May this year be filled with God's grace and light, especially for those covered by the clouds of homelessness, depression, COVID, loneliness, fire and unemployment.

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

For all who seek Christ; For those darkened by doubt who have given up their search: May they find in us the joy of the Gospel.

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

For a spirit of humble worship in our own lives, that we may adore Jesus in the Eucharist with the devotion of the Magi who brought gifts,

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

For those who have died that the Lord may shine upon them. Especially the recently departed Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Lord of glory,... "hear our prayer"

God our Father, Source of Everlasting Light, shine your mercy upon us and hear our prayers. Do not let us grow weary in our journey to find the Christ-child but part the dark clouds that cover us, that we

may see the splendour of your Son and walk by his undying Light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Morningstar, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen

Something you should know about

- 24/12 late pm person A and person B met briefly
- 25/12 am Person A tests positive to COVID Person B worshipped at Christchurch Hamilton.
- 25/12 After church person B notifies Fr. David that person A has tested positive to COVID.
- 25/12 Fr. David notifies the wardens and the Diocesan safe Church Officer. Also cancels the Sunday morning Services for the 26th of December at Glenthompson and Christchurch Hamilton.
- 26/12 Fr. David has a PCR test at the Hamilton Showgrounds and tests NEGATIVE to Rapid antigen tests in the afternoon.
- 27/12 The PCR test from the 26th returns a NEGATIVE result

Things discovered:

We are the 4th parish in the Ballarat Diocese to have an 'Encounter' with COVID.

The local response is left to the parish where the local knowledge of contacts and interaction is best known.

Things relearned:

- The importance of signing in and wearing masks.
- If you have any symptoms at any time do get tested and isolate until you have a negative result.

As this was only a secondary and casual contact, services this weekend the 1st and 2nd of January will be as normal for the first Sunday of the month. Saturday 1st of January 6pm Vigil Mass at Christchurch Hamilton. Sunday 2nd of January 9:00am Cavendish, 10:30am Christchurch Hamilton and 5pm St. Mary's Dunkeld.

Some of you may be disconcerted by this event and wish to leave coming to Church for another week. If you would like to have communion at your home with Fr. David or you need to have a chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

At the time of publication the result of Person B's PCR is unknown, but everyone else that they have had contact with has tested negative.

With my prayers and support
Fr. David