

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

You'll need to check out the October Chronicle for this week's quizzes

Fr. David's easy quiz.

The Chronicle talked about

- Bishops
- Priest
- Deacons
- Archbishops
- Canons
- Cannons

Fr. David's hard quiz

Bishop Garry broke

- His car
- His red pen
- His wrist
- His toilet seat
- None of the above

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- All of the above
- 10 sheep

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Morning and Evening Prayer daily		
Christ Church Hamilton		
Wednesday 8th December	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 11th December	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 12th December	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

NB No weekday masses on Tuesday 28th of December and Wednesday 29th of December

12th December 2021	Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3.14-20 Philippians 4.4-7	Song of Isaiah Luke 3.7-18
Reader 1: Linley	Reader 2: Lofty	Intercessor: Sue	Sides People: Sandra & Roma

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.

ADVENT STUDY GROUP

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

**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**

**Second Sunday Of Advent
5th December 2021**

Sentence: Luke 1.78-79

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Collect: .

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Dunkleld	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: Malachi 3.1-14

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶ For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. ⁷ Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' ⁸ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹ I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine

in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts. ¹³ You have spoken harsh words against me, says the Lord. Yet you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What do we profit by keeping his command or by going about as mourners before the Lord of hosts?

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Song of Zechariah

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: you have come to your people and set them free.

You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of your servant David.

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear: holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

One day I will ask him but here's what I reckon. I reckon Luke was a fallible, failing, sinful regular guy. I reckon that he might have fallen from grace in spectacular fashion. We know that he would not have actually met the Risen Christ, but he must have seen the good news in the message that was being handed down. Luke knew how much he needed it and of course he responded and wrote his message to us. Repent and believe the good news of forgiveness. So deep in your souls Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Fill up all those valleys. Flatten the hills and mountains Smooth out the rough edges and then You too shall see the salvation of God."

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.

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

From the Registrar 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.

Today's Homily

Of road works

Last week I gave a very skimpy overview of some of the themes that occur in Luke's gospel. One of those themes is repentance and forgiveness and I pointed out that only Luke has the story of the prodigal son. In his gospel Luke points to his pet theme. "John the Baptist went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." Notice please where John the Baptist is preaching. He's not preaching in the city of Jerusalem, the top end of town, the plumb parish. No, he is preaching in the desert in the region of the Jordan. This is not salubrious and lush countryside. It's hot, dusty, rocky stuff. No wonder he uses the imagery of Isaiah.

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

It would have made a lot of sense to those who were listening to him because all around them would have seen wonky, rough roads that needed some workmen in high vis vests and lollipop signs. They would have walked over these wonky rough hot dusty roads in order to get to hear John the Baptist.

Now the imagery of the wilderness and bumpy roads operates on at least two levels. There is the outward physical dimension that we would see and experience if we were fortunate enough to go to the Holy land. But there is another dimension as well. The voice crying in the wilderness is often that still small voice within us which is easily ignored, overpowered and silenced by other distractions and procrastinations. You could call it our conscience, or the voice of the Holy Spirit but every so often we know that something needs fixing. The rough ways need to be smoothed. The valleys of our inadequacies and shortcomings need to be filled. The pot-holes need to be sorted and the tarmac sealed, shiny and ready. This is hard work that goes on at the deepest level within us. It is not al-

ways comfortable and pleasant. It is often confronting and disquieting for us. It can't be just fixed in a day and then left and ignored. Just as our roads needed to be continuously worked on, upgraded and painted and a whole lot of other things I don't understand, but expect to happen, so too the highway of our souls will always need to be worked on. Sometimes its good to have a chat with someone who is just a little ahead of you or walking with you. Someone who perhaps has fallen headlong into the ditches and can give you a bit of a hint as to what might lie ahead. And when you fall in the ditches as we all do, get up, dust yourself and begin the important work of making all things smooth and level and straight. And perhaps you might be able to reach out your hand and help someone else out of the same ditch. Perhaps you might look them in the eye and say "Courage. I know all about this ditch because I fell into myself last week and this was the 4th time I have fallen into this trap.

Two things that occurred to me while writing this homily. First, why did the crowds leave their home to venture out in the blithering heat to hear this crazy guy dressed in the latest camel hair caftan. Why bother? Surely it would have been much more fun to sit quietly under the cool of a palm tree sipping a refreshing beverage. I reckon it because John's homilies were corkers. He preached a baptism of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. And this is just the best news ever. It is what we all crave for and long for deep down. We need to know time and time again that we are forgiven because time and time again we bungle it. We need the refreshing water of forgiveness poured over us to cleanse us so that we can set out again. To start again with hearts that are lighter and ready to love and in turn pass on that forgiveness to everyone we encounter. That's why they went out in the midday sun. They shared that same deep longing and if it took a couple of days of rough sleeping and a bit of sunburn and tired sweaty feet, then the trek would have been well worth it.

The second thing I wonder about. Why is this theme of repentance and forgiveness so important to Luke?

To give God's people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Second Reading: Philippians 1.1-11

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia **Alleluia**
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God
Alleluia, alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

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

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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. M. 0418672808

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.

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

Janice Hann	Arthur Moon	Robert Hall
Ralph Henderson	Laurel Cockburn Mercer	Christopher Rook
Frank Uren	Kathleen Buchanan	Elizabeth Frank
Druscilla Forster	Clement Hadden	Janet Darling
Gary Holmes	Evan Wensley	Florence Carter
Marjorie Hall	Montage Bloomfield	
Robert Stone	Robert Ronen	

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church of Burundi
- 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

"Can it be true?" exclaimed Graham the green garden gnome. "Is Fr. Robert really going to come to the Parish next weekend?" "Yes!" replied Sissy, his cousin with a sassy glint in her eye. "What a great thrill for everyone. Let's really make him welcome!"

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Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the bidding
"Daystar from on high" ... is ...
"Enlighten our lives with your love"

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

In joyful hope for the coming of God's reign, let us pray to the Lord. That the church in all her conversations may make a pathway that is level for those whom she serves. For Garry our Bishop and for the parish of Holy apostles. For a faithful priest to serve God's people there. For those parishes that will have no priest at this time of year.

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

For those whose lives are torn apart by bloodshed and distress. For an end to terrorism in our world and those who are called to be instruments of peace. For wise words of reconciliation to be found.

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

For our own selves as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In a moment of silence let us ask God for the resolve to be heralds of good news by our deeds and words. (Pause 1,...2,...3,...)

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

For the poor, the homeless and the forgotten, that we may recognise in them the person of Jesus. For those who have been affected by COVID in our community

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

For those this week who will have to impart or hear painful information. That they may be reassured by the loving presence of St. Joseph and Our Lady.

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

For our deceased relatives and friends that Christ the good shepherd may gather them into His care forever. Especially the recently departed

Daystar from on high
Enlighten our lives with your love

Living God, hear the prayers of your people who anxiously await your coming. Help us to straighten the crooked roads of our lives so that we might create a highway for you to enter our lives with Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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

Betty would like to acknowledge her thanks for the instant responses to her appeal for blow up beds over the Christmas period.

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

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.

