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Fr. David's easy quiz

The Editor of the chronicle is...

- The Bishop
- Our Registrar Peter Jarvis
- Archdeacon Scott Lowery
- Fr. Peter Treloar

Fr. David's hard quiz

- Valerie Cameron is a parishioner of
- Christchurch Hamilton
- Christchurch Cathedral
- Christchurch Warrnambool

The answers to the quizzes can be found in the "The Chronicle" that was born on the 30th of December

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- Matins
- John Henry Hopkins Jr

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 | | | |
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| Morning and Evening Prayer daily | | Christ Church Hamilton | |
| Wednesday 12th January | Eucharist 10.00am | Christ Church Hamilton | |
| Saturday 15th January | Vigil 5.00pm | Christ Church Hamilton | |
| Sunday 16th January | Eucharist 9.00am | St Mark's Cavendish | |
| | Eucharist 10.30am | Christ Church Hamilton | |
| | Eucharist 5.00pm | St Mary's Dunkeld | |
| 16th January 2022 Colour: Green | Second Sunday After Epiphany | Isaiah 62.1-5 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 | Psalms 36.5-10 John 2.1-11 |
| Reader 1: Craig | Reader 2: Robyn | Intercessor: Betty | Sides People: Linley & Denise |

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.

A Huge thank you:

- * To David who enhanced Christ Church Hamilton with beautiful floral arrangements for Christmass... again!
- * To everyone who helped prepare Christ Church and our other parish churches for our Christmass celebrations



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

The Baptism Of Our Lord 9th January 2022

Sentence: Isaiah 60.1

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Collect: .

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

| Parish Directory | | |
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| Parish Website: www.hamiltonanglican.org.au Parish Facebook: facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton Diocesan Website: ballaratanglican.org.au . | | |
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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 | | | |
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| 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 43.1-7

1. But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
2. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
3. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
4. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
5. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;
6. I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—
7. everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 29

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
2. **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.
4. **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6. **He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
7. The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
8. **The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**
9. The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
10. **The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Reading: Acts 8.14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. That a change would occur. An objective real and tangible change.

Things are different now.

Like a marriage, an old friend who you know is always reliable and trustworthy. Someone who is delighted to see you, who will receive you warmly and welcome because you know that he is just as pleased to see you as you are to see him.

Perhaps this year we should unburden ourselves and others of expectations. Perhaps 2022 will be the year we realise that we don't have to live up to our own expectations or the expectations that others put on us. We should understand that all we have to do is be the people God has called us to be, the people that we always have been, then His kingdom will have come. Then our wildest expectations will have been realised. Then the Messiah will manifest himself in the desert of our souls.

From expectation to realisation to manifestation.

Next week's homily

Meet Milka and Reuben - An ordinary loving

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.

- ♦ 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.

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.

In light of recent COVID numbers there will be **NO** bring and share lunch on January 16th, as previously advertised.

Today's Homily

From expectation to realisation to manifestation.

The people had obviously heard about John the Baptist. You don't get excited and filled with expectation over something you have never heard of. They are all up to speed about this kooky guy in the wilderness and what's more they had spread the message. They had spoken about him. It would have been fun to catch part of this gossip circle and this made me think.

Do we gossip the gospel? Do we hear the Master being talked about, do we talk about him to others?

Do we point others to Jesus? And like St. John the Baptist...do we know that it has never been about us, that it has always been about Him?

Are we good at waiting for him to manifest himself?

They talked about what John the baptist wore; camel hair coat and two tone leather belt.

What every fashionable prophet will be wearing this summer. They chattered about what he ate; wild locusts and honey. Maybe not a health pyramid, a rainbow on a plate, but all the basic five food groups represented there. And they muttered the things John the baptist said.

In Matthew and Mark much of what John the baptist said was ticking people off and telling them to get their stuff together, for there was hope even when people get it wrong.

But in Luke's gospel things are slightly different. Much of John the baptist's tirade is omitted. Instead Luke has John the Baptist do three things.

First, John the Baptist tells the people that he is not the messiah. He quashes that rumour. "I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I am is coming;"

So John knows his place. He understands the pecking order and that Jesus is at the top.

Or put it another way. John knows that it is not about Him. It is always about the one who comes after him.

Secondly, John the Baptist points the people to the Messiah.

Third he baptises Jesus.

From expectation to realisation to manifestation.

Did you notice that the people are "filled with expectation".

They are very hopeful. Brimful of expectation. And it's all the people. It's not just a minority or handful of people. All the people are questioning, hoping, expecting, that at last John the Baptist might be ... you know... Him.. the Messiah.

Some things to take away from all of this.

Expectations are all sweet and dandy but there is a dark side to them.

Think for a moment of the expectations that we put on others and you wouldn't have to think too far back to some of the people in our sporting circles. Folk who we look up to and who had spectacular falls from grace.

And while their actions might be less than desirable I am open to be convinced that the media is helpful in healing what are obviously painful dilemmas.

There are expectations that others put on us. Some subtle, some not so subtle, some appropriate, some perhaps misguided.

There are the expectations that God places on us and these are gentle. All He asks is that we be the people He has called us to be. Just to use the gifts He has generously given to His glory and not forget the source. To rejoice in ourselves which changes our perception of ourselves and others and therefore must change our actions and words.

There are the expectations that we place on God. We expect him to sort out the Middle east, find a cure for COVID and heal great aunt Flo's lumbago all by breakfast time.

But by far the most crushing expectations are the ones we place upon ourselves and this is not what God wants at all. It is detrimental to ourselves, to others and in the end, the inevitable disappointment must send us spiralling downwards to hell. The place where hope and love are absent.

Another type of expectation to have a think about

Are we filled with expectation when we are tootling along to church?

Time was when I couldn't wait and my shoes would be shiny and my heart a flutter and I understood and was thrilled that in an hour's time simple bread would become the body of

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia **Alleluia**

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3.15-22

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

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 9 January 2022

A new triennium

Mothers' Union runs on a three-year cycle. Mary Sumner's organisational skills encourage refreshment of personnel and ideas. In any organisation a new order will stir the dust and ruffle feathers. Of course not everything 'new' is salvation guaranteed; not everything old is worthless. When we subject our capacity to work, minister and serve to the guidance of God's loving spirit, we will grow in love and understanding.

All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18. We hold before God the Mothers' Union trustees, remembering especially Pamela Abana, who begins her term as a trustee. We especially pray for her people suffering civil unrest in the Solomons Islands, and we pray for all members of our faith communities striding out in faith, hope and love.

Something Fr. David did not write

Through the year people will thank God for you. And let the reason for their thankfulness be not just that you were a person whom they liked or loved but because you made God real to them.

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need

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| Phil Reid | Katie Kuiper | Nalani |
| Fr Peter Treloar | Fr Paddy | Gwen Kenny |
| Virginia | John O'Donnell | |
| Dorothy | Evan | |
| Len Peters | Dash | |
| Dorothy | Joan Mallinson | |

For those who have died

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| John Rowen | Lorna Pearse | Frederick Ryan |
| Elinor Stanley | Patricia Kennett | Tanya Groves |
| Wayne Banfield | Barry Harding | Anna Lyons |
| Margaret Noske | Reginald Murray | |

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Southern Highlands –The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Daryl Couch (Locum), Adriaan Siersema (deacon) and Cheryl Haines (OLM Priest), Robert Caernarvon-Smith. (Anglicare) Ararat Parish Partnership and Community Development Project: David Law.
- Jinim
- Our Prime Minister and Federal Parliament during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nativity scene from Christ Church



Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding
"By the waters of our Baptism" ... is ..."
cleanse us O Lord"

By the waters of our Baptism... **cleanse us O Lord.**

To God, the giver of life and the Author of all holiness, let us offer our prayers:
That our church may bring sight to those who are blind to the life of God and liberation to those imprisoned by darkness. For Garry our Bishop and for the parish of the Otway's. For Reverend Jenny and those whom she serves.

*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

For the nations and peoples of the world, that we may all work together for the victory of justice. For those lands where there is tyranny and prejudice.
*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

That we may be always faithful to our covenant with God, sealed in the waters of our Baptism. For those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Christian initiation at this time.

*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

That the sick and the suffering, the poor and forgotten, may find hope in the good news of peace. For those who spend this day in our hospitals and institutions affected by COVID and those who are being tested today.

*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

For the gift of safe travel on our roads at this time and those who are called out to serve others in this holiday season. For those who have suffered bereavement or tragedy. For those affected by fire.
*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

That those who have died may rise to the new life of the Risen Christ especially the souls of the recently departed;
*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

In a moment of silence let us offer our petitions for this new year (pause 1,...2,...3,...)
*By the waters of our Baptism... **Cleanse us O Lord.***

Lord of all creation you have raised us to new life through water and the spirit. May your Spirit of justice and peace always rest upon us so that we may dedicate ourselves to the work of the prayers we have offered. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Something you should know about #2

- ♦ 24/12 late pm person A and person B met briefly
- ♦ 25/12 am Person A tests positive to COVID Person B worshipped at Christ-church Hamilton.
- ♦ 25/12 After church person B notifies Fr. David that person A has tasted 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 CPR test from the 26th returns a NEGATIVE result. Person B has a CPR test.
- ♦ 31/12 The result of Person B's test was NEGATIVE

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.

Some of you may be disconcerted by this event. 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.

With my prayers and support

Fr. David

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