

## dNews

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## Fr. David's easy quiz

Our parish has how many Synod representatives

- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

## Fr. David's hard quiz

This year it is planned that...

- Work will happen on Christ Church spire
- A spa bath will be installed in the Rectory (Yippee!)
- Solar panels will be installed on the Parish Hall

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- Universal
- 8 weeks

## 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

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**National Church Life Survey**  
is coming to a church near you.

**Happy Harry** hooted with hilarity when he realised that as a chap he could go to the Hamilton Hamper on Thursday at 3pm.

**Lovely Linda** licked her lips for she knew that there was liquid refreshment for the ladies at the Lemon Myrtle on Thursday at 3pm

**Parish Council** next meets on Thursday the 17th of February at 5:30pm. Hoorah! the first one for 2022.

## Brutus is on his way...



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

### 13th February 2022

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: Luke 6.23

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Collect: .

Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and

## Parish Directory

Parish Website: [www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)  
Parish Facebook: [facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton](https://facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton)  
Diocesan Website: [ballaratanglican.org.au](http://ballaratanglican.org.au).

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| <b>SAFE CHURCH OFFICER</b> | Fr Glen Wesley  |  |

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

| SERVICES THIS WEEK               |   |  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Morning and Evening Prayer daily |   | Christ Church Hamilton   |                                      |
| Wednesday 16th February          | Eucharist 10.00am   | Christ Church Hamilton   |                                      |
| Saturday 19th February           | Vigil 6.00pm  | Christ Church Hamilton   |                                      |
| Sunday 20th February             | Eucharist 9.00am<br>Eucharist 10.30am<br>Eucharist 5.00pm | St Mark's Cavendish<br>Christ Church Hamilton<br>St Mary's Dunkeld |                                      |
| 20th February 2022               | Seventh Sunday After Epiphany<br>Colour: Green            | Genesis 45.3-11, 15<br>1 Corinthians 15.35-50                      | Psalm 37.1-11, 40-41<br>Luke 6.27-38 |
| Reader 1: Jenny                  | Reader 2: Neville   | Intercessor: Sue   | Sides People: Jan & Tony             |

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: Jeremiah 17.5-10

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord :

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord .<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the Lord , whose trust is the Lord .<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?<sup>10</sup> I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
  2. **But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that law will they ponder day and night.**
  3. They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.
  4. **Their leaves also shall not wither: and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**
5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
6. **Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**
7. For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?<sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised;<sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.<sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.<sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.<sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.<sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia Alleluia

Rejoice and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven  
Alleluia

Now that my friends, is real power. That is real authority. It is far more effective, far more lasting, far more exciting and far more impressive than anyone who jumps tall buildings and can't dress themselves properly. In today's gospel it's almost as if Jesus is saying well

"Yes, all the whizz bang healing and exorcisms are one thing, but there's something else going on as well. Something just as important and vital. He looks at us as he looked at his disciples and he says

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. And if we took a deep breath, looked into his eyes and said

"Yes I am poor  
Yes I am hungry  
Yes I am weeping"

Then we could be heroes, not just for one day, but forever ever and ever amen.

**Next week's homily:**

He finds the words,... when we have none.

**During Lent...**

Fr. David will be available for the rite of Reconciliation

**Stations of the cross** will be celebrated at Christchurch Hamilton at 9:15am on Wednesday morning.

**Q. What do Tinned fruit, sugar and rice all have in common?**

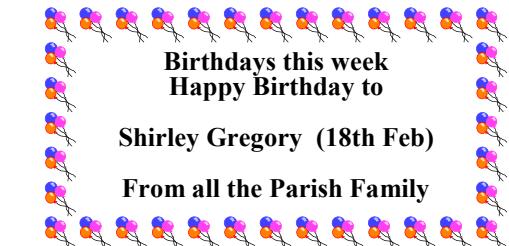
**A. They are all things you can donate to Anglicare**



### **EXCITING NEWS Guild Easter Raffle**

Tickets available in 2 weeks time.

Drawn Easter Sunday  
17th April



### **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.

### **So just who is Skylar Grace**

**Carter?** Skylar is the daughter of Peter and Celina and will be baptised at the Saturday Night Vigil mass at 6:00pm on the 19th of February. This is an act of public worship and all are very welcome.

## Today's Homily

### We could be heroes



When I first read the gospel for today my thoughts zoomed in on this verse. "And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them."

There is something healing when we are physically touched by another. It's one of the things I miss not only in COVID times but also because a minority of my colleagues have abused the privilege of touch and their position of trust.

Once upon a time it was quite acceptable for a sad person to sob on my shoulder at the graveside. That is no longer the case and I am sorry that a few have stolen this privilege. Nowadays clergy have to be super vigilant, careful and sadly we might seem a little distant and cool.

But back to the gospel reading. It's is very true that when you give yourself pastorally to another power does go out of you. But this allows miracles to happen in all sorts of guises.

I reckon The Master would have been exhausted after all that healing.

I also reflected that it would be great to have super powers like Jesus. Think of the good we could all do. No more need for RAT tests, IV drips and ventilators. Just a quick prayer, a laying on of hands, some holy oil, a blessing and you're all sorted. A superhero to the rescue

When we think of the sort of person that would be a superhero the image we might conjure up is someone who is able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, is faster than a speeding bullet, has a long flowing cape and might wear their underwear on the outside. Someone invincible, super tough, impervious to feeling. More resilient than teflon and indestructible as a cockroach. Someone who can heal 99.9% of the people 100% off the time.

But then the gospel reading goes on and we get the beatitudes. Matthew also has a very similar version of the beatitudes. These sayings or beatitudes elevate the most unusual

and unexpected people to the status of superhero.

Blessed are you who are poor,  
 'Blessed are you who are hungry  
 Blessed are you who weep,  
 'Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you.

So it is the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the defamed and hated that are the real our super heroes. These are the powerful ones, these are people we turn to when life drops unpleasant messes upon us from a great height.

This doesn't sound right in our slick 21st century way of thinking. So let me try to explain. The people who have ministered most effectively to my tears are those who have known the power of tears themselves.

The one who has ministered most powerfully to me in my sinfulness, is the one I know to be a cheeky, grubby brat who personally understands what forgiveness is really all about. It is those who have known exclusion and prejudice who have confronted me most efficaciously about my own blinkered perceptions.

It is not the slick smooth hand of the professional that I need when mine is mucky and bleeding. It is the pierced gnarly calloused hand of The Master Carpenter that I want to reach out to and grasp when I am smushed. Or to use another analogy. It is the alcoholic who has not had a drink for 11 years, 5 months, 3 weeks and 24 days who can be most effective to the person who has just admitted to being an alcoholic.

Part of this upside down puzzle is because those who are broken and tearful and hungry... and know it, come from an unconquerably strong place of authenticity. There's no dress ups and pretending when you are sobbing. There are delusions or pretensions when you know you have fallen from grace. Hunger cannot be fudged. There is no charade with poverty of spirit or possessions. This is it. Naked, raw humanity swallowed up by God's all consuming grace. His unquenchable love does not stay away from our ugly bits, but rather gathers us into His loving embrace to redeem, to sanctify, to make us whole and turn us into angels and messengers of good news.

*The Holy Gospel: Luke 6.17-26*

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**

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the

kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**PANCAKE DAY-** The Mothers' Union will host a pancake social evening for PARISHIONERS ONLY on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm.

Please come along and join us for a pancake tea and an opportunity to catch up with everyone. A list is at the back of Christ Church for catering purposes. There will be no entry fee- and COVID safety arrangements will be adhered to.  
 Enquiries- Susan M 0408 528 781.

**ANGLICAN BOOK FAIR-** Will be running- for our 30th year- in the HUB. Setting up day will be Sunday 27th February commencing at 1pm. Many hands make light work- so please come along if you can help in any way. The Book Fair will be open from Thursday 3rd March until Easter. Please note- NO DONATIONS OF BOOKS are required at the moment.

Susan M 0408 528 781



**Ash Wednesday** this year is on Wednesday the 2nd of March. There will be two masses celebrated at Christ Church Hamilton. The regular 10am service and one at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

## For your Prayers this week

### For the sick and in need

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

### For those who have died

|                    |                |                 |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Stephan Brimacombe | Peter Greed    | Albert Buchanan |
| Esme Brewis        | Clive Norris   | Alice White     |
| Maria Day          | John Frost     | George Meade    |
| Eileen Elkins      | James Hayes    | Mavis Vaughan   |
| Marlyn Day         | William Fowler | Venus Aldridge  |

### For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Northern Territory: Greg Anderson
- West Wimmera: Nagi Habib (locum)
- Ministry among the Karen people. - Nay Htoo Khin
- Koinambe
- Those who work the land and our rural communities



### Harvest Festival at St. Peters Glenthompson

Sunday February 27th at 7:00pm.

A marvellous evening to give thanks for all we have and to share our abundance with others.  
All are welcome

**HYMNS**  
**168 522 254 307**

### Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the bidding ...

“Our trust is in the Lord,” ... is **“Our hope and salvation”**.

“Our trust is in the Lord,” ... **“Our hope and salvation”**.

To God the author of love and source of hope, let us offer our prayers; for our church that she may become a living, nurturing community of faith. For Garry our Bishop and for the parish of the West Wimmera. For Fr. Nahgi (Nargee) serving as locum and for a faithful priest to be found for Gods people in that place.

“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

That those who are affected by political instability will find security in the nearer presence of Christ. For the gift of wisdom on those who must make and pronounce judgement and all who will offer legal advice.

“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

For our own selves and our parish as we prepare for the great forty days of Lent. That we may make the most of the blessings and opportunities that these days offer.

“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

For the blessed who mourn, for those who are coping with loss or broken relationships; for all who despair; that they may find in our care and support, joy, fulfilment and hope.

“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

For all who spend this day in physical, spiritual or psychological pain. For those who tend them and for those who feel as though they have nowhere to turn. For all who are on ventilators in ICU, suffering with COVID

“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

For all who have died, especially the recently departed ... that Christ will raise them up to the

glory of His Resurrection.  
“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

For the prayers we now offer in the silence of our hearts (Pause 1,...2,...3,...).

“Our trust is in the Lord,”  
**“Our hope and salvation”**.

Deliver us O God, from the poverty of selfishness; enrich us with the treasure of humble giving; feed us with the bread of your life and love. Hear these prayers we offer you in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen

### Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

#### Transforming lives

Christian history is crammed full of those who have been instrumental in transforming lives. And Jesus is the model for this transformative power. He TOUCHED people, literally and figuratively. From a baby born in straightened circumstances to a ‘king’ on a donkey and a cross, he shocked his followers and his enemies. Transformation is always risky. We feel that in our bones as every challenge is faced, for our own transformation is the basis of any transformation we may desire for others. Whatever we have in mind, let us pray for amazing grace to guide us.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:3

We are asked to pray for the diocese of Dornakal in the Church of South India. Give thanks for the diocesan school which officially re-opened at the end of October after a two year lockdown. Eighteen pupils came on the first day and each week the numbers have been increasing. There are now 60 pupils and more families are enquiring about places.