

**dNews**

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**Fr. David's easy quiz**

During Lent we usually have a bible study that meets on

- Tuesdays at 7:30pm
- Wednesdays at 7:30pm
- Fridays at 5pm.

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

The two candles on the altar remind us that

- Jesus is both God and Man
- We have an Old and a New Testament
- In marriage there is a husband and wife

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: The number is yet to be determined

Hard Quiz: 4 Synod reps and 2 supplementary

**Caffeine and chatter**

It all happens on Thursday at 3:00pm. Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and gents to the Hamilton Hamper. All are very welcome

**Wool Drive Fundraiser**

Phil Schultz at Endeavour Wools, has generously offered to collect and sell any donations of wool for us, without taking commission. He is in the old Kit Set building on Mt Baimbridge Rd.

If you, or anybody you know, might have any wool that you are prepared to donate, please give Phil a call on 0427 686 674 to arrange a drop-off.

Any half butts, full butts, or even odds and ends would be greatly appreciated.

We don't really want wool with dags as it is impossible to sell. (Hope that isn't offensive!)

I'm sure you all know that I am certainly no expert when it comes to wool so if you have a question, please don't hesitate to call Phil. For those who have already agreed to donate sheep, please accept my gratitude and appreciation. The PIC numbers, and all the bio-security requirements have made the logistics too much of a headache!

If you would like to make contact, I am Caroline Mills (previously Bullen), On 0427 807 498.

**Our Parish figures and finances for 1st Dec to 31st December**

- Income this month \$8656
- Expenditure \$13467
- Our debt to the Diocese \$21361

**There is a cuppa in the hall after the service.**

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

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| Saturday | 4th February | Vigil 6.00pm  | Christ Church Hamilton   |
| Sunday   | 5th 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 |

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| 5th February 2023<br>Colour: Green | Fifth Sunday After<br>Epiphany | Isaiah 58.1-9a<br>1 Corinthians 2.1-13 | Psalm 112<br>Matthew 5.13-20 |
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| Reader 1: Eileen | Reader 2: Tony | Intercessor: Susan | Sides People: Geoff G & John |
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## Anglican Parish of Hamilton

### Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

### 29th January 2023

# WELCOME

Sentence: 1 Corinthians 13.14

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

*Collect:*

Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Parish Directory**

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

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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**

A Very Special Welcome to our Guest Celebrant and preacher  
Fr. Russell Trickey.  
Please join him over the Bring and Share lunch in the hall today.

*1st Reading:* Micah 6.1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.' <sup>6</sup> 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 15*

1. Lord, who may abide in your tabernacle: or who may dwell upon your holy hill?

2. **Whoever leads an uncorrupt life and does the thing which is right: who speaks the truth from the heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;**
3. Who has done no evil to a friend: nor vented abuse against a neighbour;
4. **In whose eyes the worthless have no honour: but who makes much of those that fear the Lord;**
5. Whoever has sworn to a neighbour: and will not go back on that oath;
6. **Who has not put money to usury: nor taken a bribe against the innocent.**
7. Whoever does these things: shall never be overthrown.

*2nd Reading:* 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and

the tired world of faults and denouncements and makes everything new with the sweetness of divine grace, peace and mercy. This first beatitude, the blessing of those who are self-emptied and the promise of the kingdom of God entering the world through them, is the way of Christian living. It is the way of the Incarnation. It is the way of the cross. It is the way of the saints. And it is our way too, if we will it. Micah had it right in our first lesson today and we should let him have the last word. Do justice,... love mercy...Walk humbly with your God.

**Next week's homily**  
The story of Dom Placid

**Lady day (Feast of the Annunciation)** will be held on Saturday 25th March at the Cathedral. Service commences at 11.00am. The Rev. Wendy Morecroft will be guest speaker, after lunch. All are welcome.

**Some dates for your diary**  
♦ February 25th- Setting Up of the Annual Book Fair

**Of R & R**  
Jeanine and Fr. David will be on annual leave from Saturday 28th and return in time for the Saturday Vigil Mass on the 4th of February. In case of crisis please contact the parish of Warrnambool on 5561 1687 or 0418 672 808. Fr. Russell Trickey will be celebrating the weekend masses on the 28th and 29th of January. Please make him welcome.

**A Chat with Cherie Greed**  
At some point all of us will find ourselves chatting with a funeral director. While we are having this conversation our hearts and heads will be all over the place. Wouldn't it be better if we could just have an informal gathering with a Funeral director in a gentle Q & A session.  
Mrs. Cherie Greed will be with us on Friday 24th of February at 7:00pm where she will pastorally outline the process of organising a

funeral and answer all those questions that you may have been too shy to ask. All you have to do is put your name down on the clipboard at the back of Christchurch Hamilton by Friday 17th of February or let Fr. David know. There is no charge for this evening and all are welcome.

**Save The Date**  
Shrove Tuesday is 21st February. Yum Yum

**Did you know** that tinned fruit is always a welcome gift to Anglicare?

**The first meeting for our Christ Church Guild** is on Thursday 9th at 10:00am. All are very Welcome.

**The first meeting of Parish Council** for 2023 is on Thursday 16th of February at 5:30pm.

## Today's Homily

### Meet Fr. Ichabod

Matthew's beatitudes are a well known classic. Luke also has a shorter version of the beatitudes.

The beatitudes have rightly been called "God's blueprint for living" and each of Matthews 8 is a sermon in and of itself. So today I thought I would just focus on this one.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven".

To help us along I found this little parable which I hope might be useful.

Once upon a time, in a sandy desert in Egypt, there was a young monk who had done something dastardly and devious. The leaders were applied and with howls of self righteous condemnation called a meeting to condemn the brother. They even invited the senior cleric Father Ichabod to come and join in.

At first Father Ichabod refused the invitation, for he had a full day of basket weaving in front of him. But they sent an envoy to persuade him with the message that the assembly was awaiting his arrival. So father Ichabod put aside the basket he was weaving, got up and set out toward the gathering. First, however, he grabbed one of his other baskets he had made and filled it with sand.

Now the basket the good Father chose had a hole in it, so that the sand slowly leaked out behind him as he journeyed on. When he arrived at the meeting room, the other leaders came out to meet him. Seeing Father Ichabod holding the still-leaking basket; They smirked to themselves and wondered whether Fr. Ichabod had lost his clear thinking abilities. Then they inquired into the meaning of this bizarre sight.

Fr. Ichabod replied, "The grains of sand are my sins which are running out behind me. I do not see them, and yet you have asked me to come and judge the fault of another." When the excited motley crew heard this they forgave the brother and set him free, saying nothing further of the fault.

In this story, Fr. Ichabod exemplifies a person who is "poor in spirit" and he does so by his words and his actions. When he first receives

6 the invitation to come and join in the judgment of the younger monk, he has a choice to make. On the one hand, he is an elder monk and his condemnation has been personally requested. The facts of the case are not in dispute: The young brother's guilt is apparently evident. It would seem The good Father is justified in passing his own judgment.

On the other hand, something prevents him from following this path of condemnation and what prevents Him is the awareness of his own faults and failures. Fr. Ichabod understands that to act as a self-assured and self-sufficient judge would be hypocritical when at the same time he is painfully aware of his own foibles. It would be dishonest and absurd of him to play the role of judge.

He dramatically illustrates the absurdity of this by means of the basket leaking sand. In God's eyes, it is just as absurd to pass judgment on his brother given his own personal faults, as it is to carry a leaking basket.

The crucial point of the story then is not so much that Fr. Ichabod is poor in spirit, but rather that he acknowledges and lives out of his poverty of spirit. He doesn't try to hide his fragility and dependence on God's mercy and love. He empties himself, like the leaky bucket, of all ego and self-assertion. This is a blessing not only to himself but to everyone around him

This is the blessing the poor in spirit shower upon us. Only those who recognise their poverty have the capacity to reach out and seize the blessing God offers them. Then we can live not out of their own poor spirit, our own endeavours and struggles, but rather to be filled with the spirit of God Himself

When we recognise our emptiness and choose to receive God's spirit, we open up a space for the breaking in of the kingdom of God, which Jesus Christ brought to us at Christmas and continues to bring to us each and every day.

This interruption of God's kingdom into our disorderly lives occurs through people like Fr. Ichabod. His humility transforms the lives of all the other characters in the story. The other elders are moved to forgiveness. The younger monk receives forgiveness and a taste of the mercy of God.

Through Fr. Ichabod, though merely one man poor in spirit, the kingdom of God enters into

Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.<sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.<sup>26</sup> Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.<sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.<sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

**Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

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**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>

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'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

### **LENTEN QUIET DAY CAMPERDOWN**

Saturday 25th February at the Abbey.  
Commencing 10.30am. Lead by Rev. Anne McKenna. BYO lunch. This day is open to all and concludes around 3pm.

### **Some Lenten Things.**

1. Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 22nd of February. There are 2 Masses. One at the regular time of 10:00am and one at 7:00pm.
2. Stations of the cross will be celebrated on Wednesday mornings during Lent beginning on Wednesday March 1st at 9:15am.
3. On Thursdays, at 4:00pm there will be 'Quiet time until 4:30pm This will be followed by a Mass for healing.
4. Fr. David is always available for the sacrament of reconciliation.
5. Wednesday morning Mass at 10am.

## For your Prayers this week

### For the sick and in need

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| Dash<br>Joan Mallinson<br>Barbara Oliver<br>Gwen Kenny | Steven Yorston<br>Ethel Murray<br>Phil Reid<br>Fr David Lord | Ian Hartley<br>Brad Bowden |
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### For those who have died

Those who have died at the hands of others and their own hands in California

### For those whose Year's Mind we remember

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| Mabel Hinchcliffe<br>Obed Welsh<br>Freda Lyon<br>Kenneth Bloom<br>Gladys Annett<br>Agnes Nolte | Mary Earl<br>Percy Osborne<br>Douglas Schofield<br>Brenton Rook<br>Irene Dolling<br>Micheal Kipreou | Violet Evans<br>Joanna MacLean<br>John Downs<br>Elsie Dolman |
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### For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of Pakistan (United)
- All who have asked for the sacrament of marriage.
- The Chancellor: Charles Gunst KC
- The Advocate: Sally Macarthur Clyde.
- Property and Finance Committee: Mike Robins (Chair)
- Tsungup
- Local council and those involved and employed in local government.

### Christ Church Key Register

The Key Register for Christ Church requires updating. To facilitate this, the lock on the Parish Office door will be changed on Monday 30 January. From that date current keys will no longer allow access to that room.

The following people will be issued keys to the new lock:

Rector, Office Staff, Treasurer and Parish Secretary

Any other person who feels that they also require a key to the Parish Office should contact the Parish Secretary.

All new office keys will be numbered and are to be signed for in the Parish Key Register.

All members holding a key to the Sacristy are to contact the Secretary to arrange for the key to be sighted and signed for again.

Graeme Mustow  
Parish Secretary

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**234 174 605 177**

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

The response to the bidding :

Dear Lord... is... **Please answer our prayers.**

Dear Lord... **Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for all the people in the Eastern States of Australia who are recovering from the floods that they have been experiencing in the last few months. We also pray for the people in Western Australia who are now experiencing floods and also the animals who are being affected by them that you Lord, help them all to recover and keep them all safe.  
*Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.*

We pray for Bishop Garry and everyone in the Diocese of Ballarat that you Lord, keep everyone healthy and safe. We especially pray for Fr David and Jeanine that you Lord keep them healthy and safe while they are on holidays.  
*Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.*

We pray for everyone who is suffering from war in the world. Lord please help them all to overcome their situation and keep them all safe from the invaders and to win their conflict.  
*Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.*

We pray for everyone who is suffering from illness that you Lord help them overcome their illness, especially people who are suffering from depression, and their families.  
*Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.*

We pray for everyone in Hamilton and surrounding communities that you Lord help them to keep safe from harm and illness.  
*Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.*

We pray for the recently Departed, especially Rob Menzel and Bruce Cuming, and their families, that you Lord fold them all in your warm embrace.  
*Dear Lord....Please answer our prayers.*

Lord, we all need your guidance. Please help us to do your Will.  
Amen

## So.. what does \$8 buy you?

A beautifully hand stitched, home made wine bag or glasses case or mobile phone rest. Available from Christ Church Hall.

### MOTHERS' UNION MEETING

The first meeting for 2023 will be held after the Bring and Share Luncheon on Sunday the 29th- at approximately 1pm. Members are encouraged to share in the luncheon and fellowship before this. Plans for Shrove Tuesday and the annual Book Fair will be discussed as well as monthly meeting agendas. Everyone is welcome to attend – existing members, intending members and fellow parishioners.  
Susan M 0408528 781

## A Big Thank You

Anglicare Warrnambool thank our Parish Family for the latest gift of foods. It is very much appreciated by all who receive the donations.

