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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

The formula for working out the date of next years Fete is

- The Saturday after the RBA's November meeting
- The Saturday after the Melbourne cup
- All of the above
- A dart hurled at a calendar.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The patron saint of candlemakers is

- St. Luminous
- St. Ambrose
- St. Cecilia
- St. Catherine.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Exodus

Hard Quiz: We don't actually know

The minutes for the Parish

Council meeting held in September are on the notice boards at the back of Christ Church

Cuppa 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.

"Did you know that so far this effort has raised \$7535 with still more coming in. A Huge Merino sized thank you to all those generous people who have made it happen".

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	22nd November	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	25th November	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	26th November	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Meredith	Reader 2: Betty	Intercessor: Jannie	Sides People: Jan & Tony
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Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

19th November 2023

WELCOME

Sentence: 1 Thessalonians 5.9, 11

God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.

Collect:

Ever living God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Morning tea is served in the meeting room after the Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church Hamilton. All welcome

Parish Directory

Parish Website: www.hamiltonanglican.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

1st Reading: Judges 4.1–10

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ² So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³ Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. ⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷ I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ⁸ Barak said to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' ⁹ And she said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰ Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 123

1. To you I lift up my eyes: you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2. **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master: or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,**
3. So our eyes look to the Lord our God: until he show us his mercy.
4. **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have had our fill of derision.**
5. Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease: and with the contempt of the proud.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another

Clay pigeon shooting at Neil and Earlene's place is on again!

Sunday November 26th from 2pm.
\$10 for the BBQ or \$25 which includes BBQ and Clay pigeon shooting. Please book with Earlene on p. 0448 832 202 All are very welcome for a lovely social time

Glenthompson Christmas puddings

This year it has been decided that we will make a given number of puddings rather than making to order.
The usual size of small for up to eight serves-- \$30.00 or large for up to 12 serves-- \$50.00
The puddings will be available at Stirling on the Open Garden day November 11th between 10.00 am. and 4.00 pm or at The Created Works of Art sale on November 16th & 17th at Walanga.

Giving Envelopes

It is time to assess if you want to use giving envelopes again this year.
Please contact Jenny Rankin on 0419 110817

A little known but sad fact.

So far this year, 20 Victorian women have died as a result of Gender Based Violence. Through our intercessions on Sunday 26th of November, we will be remembering the 16 days of activism against gender based violence. This world wide movement is supported by our Mothers Union and Christians of all denominations.

times and seeing yourself blossom into the professional you were called to be."

Not all of us are called to be cracking painters. The important stuff is not just what we see at the end; the finished product. The little hidden jobs, those tasks that might seem menial, inconsequential and trivial are just as vital as everything else.

You can probably understand teaching from my mish mash and misappropriation of the Masters parable, but what of that last chilling line from the gospel?

"As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Daniel's outer darkness is not the tongue lashing he got from Barnaby. Daniel's darkness is the blackness of his self inflicted sadness, his not being able to see his own gifts and light. And the weeping and gnashing of teeth, is his writhing and regrets at what might have been.

Next weeks homily

The significance of the number 20 (twenty)

Some Dates for your shiny 2024 diary

- ◆ Ash Wednesday = St. Valentine's day
- ◆ Shrove Tuesday = The day before that
- ◆ Easter day = 31st of March
- ◆ Lady Day = To be celebrated on Monday 8th of April
- ◆ A great day to have a tea ceremony in Singapore March 9th.

Save the date / weekend

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th of November
Creative works of art and Christmass cooking at Earlene Gellerts.

'There will be a raffle of some warming winter wood at this event'
More details to follow. Bishop Garry will be with us on Saturday 18th

Today's Homily

The parable of the painters

Have you ever imagined what parables Our Lord might have offered if he came to this part of the world and in this particular time? Many of them still translate well for us.

I think the parable of the lost sheep would still resonate with many of us. We well understand the connection between the farmer and his livestock. How important it is that he looks after, nurtures and protects his most special investment.

So too with the parable of the prodigal son. All of us have known families where things have gone awry. There has been falling out and grumpiness. We learn the very tortuous way that forgiveness is a very precious commodity and not always accessible from those who ought to know better.

Today's parable of the slaves who are left to trade requires a little more imagination. We could speculate that Our Lord would use our modern day Stock market and financial institutions when telling this parable. And indeed we have that line from the Boss when he returns and becomes furious with the slave who fails to use his talent.

"Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest."

But I'm pretty sure that Our Lord was not just referring to the way we use our hard earned cash. He also expects us to use our talents. The things that we are good at. The things that we enjoy in order to give him glory.

So how would Our Lord tell this parable in 2023? Perhaps he might tell it like this. Once upon a time, as all good parables go, there was a contractor who needed a serious amount of painting done. There were 78 panels that needed to have a total of 4 coats each. This is a severe amount of work.

The contractor, we'll call him Barnaby, cheerfully employed one guy who he knew was an absolute gun. Kelvin was knowledgeable, handy with his hands, meticulous in his work and efficient to boot. What's not to like?

6 The next painter was Esmeralda. She wasn't quite as adroit but still showed a bit of acumen and was willing to put in the hard yards.

The third person was Daniel. He fronted up on his first day with a very candid admission that he hadn't had much experience and yet, like the proverbial 50 cent piece, he just kept on turning up to work. His painting skills were lacking and he was as slow as a long winter. You could easily spot the panels Daniel had done by the missed bits and the heavy handedness in other places, frequently on the same panel; which when you think about it, is very hard to do. It seems that all Daniel could do efficiently was to wash out the brushes and rollers at the end of each day.

So the work progressed. Gradually, panel by painful panel the work went on. Kelvin and Esmeralda flourished and Daniel.. well ... not so much. In fact it got to a point where he was reluctant to even wash out the rollers and he stopped turning up altogether.

After all 78 panels were done Barnaby the contractor came along to give everyone their pay. He was of course delighted with Kelvin. "Great work Kelvin! For doing such a great job you are now foreman in charge of painting all the local primary schools."

To Esmeralda he said. "Well done Esmeralda. You accomplished a great deal here. I'm putting you in charge of painting those two units that are being built in Church hill."

And then Barnaby quizzed Daniel. "Well Daniel what happened to you.?"

"Well Barnaby, sir. I knew you were a harsh boss and I wasn't doing anything particularly right and my painting was rubbish, so I just didn't show up after a while. Here is the paint roller and overalls you lent me."

Well Barnaby just went ballistic. "So Daniel, you knew that I was a harsh boss expecting the best and yet you didn't even have a go. I'm grumpy not because of your sloth, but because you failed to realise that washing up the rollers and brushes is one of the most important parts of the job. And I'm really sulky because your potential to go on to be something quite striking, grand and impressive was not realised. Not only have I missed out, not only have future clients missed out, but you have missed out in celebrating wonderful

and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia! **alleluia.**

Abide in me as I abide in you.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25.14–30

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

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents."

²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,

"Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents."

²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need and those who are preparing for surgery

Dash Joan Mallinson Barbara Oliver Gwen Kenny	Steven Yorston Ethel Murray Phil Reid Dorothy	Geoff Griffiths Mervyn Eden Morgan Deacon Kaye Hanks
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For those who have died

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Saxon Palmer Charles Sevier Michael Kenny Walter Keane Marjorie Barker Walter Rowe	Marjorie Dunkinson Kenneth Toleman Margaret Thompson Mabel Swift Amelia Finnegan Jessie Tully	Kyle Buntine Barbara Blackmore Stella Downs Lesley Campbell Thomas Johnson
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- The Murray: Keith Dalby
Colac: Jeremy Morgan and Claire Morgan (deacon).
The Otways: Those clerics and lay leaders providing locum ministry.
(Anglicare) Forest Op Shop: Volunteer staff
- Madang
- Those tempted to suicide and those who love them.

TODAY'S HYMNS
263 408 641 259

A stonkingly HUGE Thank you to all who helped with the fete on Remembrance day.

For round figures you raised \$9000 +

The Tyro, though a monster to set up, was great, taking over \$4,000.00.

We have another \$450 to collect.

Back by popular demand for one night only. The Reverend Judy MacPherson will be with us on Saturday 9th of December at 6:00pm. Places are limited.

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the bidding:
"Lord, of love" ... is ... "put new hearts within us."

Lord of love ... **put new hearts within us.**

With gratitude for the blessings we have received, and with hope in the promise to come, let us raise our hearts in prayer to the Lord; For Garry our bishop and the parochial district of Springmount. For Fr. Chris who oversees that area and those who assist him. That the Lord will pour out His blessings upon them.
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

We give thanks and pray for those who are meeting to make financial decisions about the global economy. We ask for the gifts of integrity and justice. We offer to the Lord those who will use the services of Anglicare this week; we pray that we may be faithful in our vocation to serve all Gods' people.
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

We give thanks and pray for those who earn their living from the land and sea. We ask that wise decisions will be made for the stewardship of God's creation and pray for a just and equitable sharing of the world's resources
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

We give thanks and pray For all married couples that they may live their life together as a sacrament of Christ's loving presence.
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

For the gift of peace in those places we hear about and those we will never know about.
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

We offer all those who have asked our prayers, especially those listed on our pew sheet. In a moment of silence we offer our own petitions to the Lord. (Pause 1,...2,...3,...)
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

And pray for the members of our families and parish who have died; that the peace and light of the Risen Christ may be theirs. Especially

the recently departed
Lord of love ... put new hearts within us.

Lord God, you have given us so very much. Health, intellect, talents and abilities. May we be worthy stewards of these gifts. May we use them to the glory of your name, so that all people may come to know your greatness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Planting trees for the Communion Forest Project

If you would like to help plant trees at the Hamilton Coleraine Railway Reserve at 1PM on Sunday, 19th November, there is a map and instructions at the back of the church. Apologies for the late notice. If you have any questions, speak to Linley Bramall – 0428582152.

From Anglicare in Warrnambool

We are always in need of toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, sanitary products and deodorants. Please do not donate aerosols, as we are not able to accept these. We are also running low on spreads such as jam, peanut butter, honey, spreadable cheese and vegemite. Generally, we do not accept clothing due to program restraints (space and staff), however we do welcome underwear and socks as these are always in demand and can be moved through our E.R space quickly.

Our Parish figures and finances for October 2023

Income this month \$11,511
Expenditure \$11,476
Our debt to the Diocese \$19000