

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

The name of Fr. Roger's wife is

- Jan
- Jenny
- Jeanie
- June

Fr. David's hard quiz

How many stations of the cross are there?

- 10
- 12
- 14
- 7

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Passion Sunday

Hard Quiz: Holy Thursday

The minutes for the Parish

Council meeting held in November 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

Thank you to all those who helped with The book Fair this week. (the roster to take a shift is down at the Book Fair in the Hub itself) it's a great way to meet lots of splendid people and help the mission of the Church.

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".

Our Parish figures and finances for February 2024

Income this month 14,155

Expenditure 13,998

Our debt to the Diocese \$16,000



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Fourth Sunday In Lent

10th March 2024

WELCOME

A fantastico **Welcome Back** to Fr. Roger Dyer and his lovely wife June who are celebrating the liturgies for us this weekend
We are thrilled that you have returned

Sentence: John 3.14-15

The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Collect:

Everlasting God in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness prevent us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	13th March	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	16th March	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	17th March	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld
Reader 1: Neville	Reader 2 Heather	Intercessor: Meredith	Sides People: Meredith & Stewart

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

1st Reading: Numbers 21.4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶ Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 107.1-3, 107.17-22

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.
2. **Let the Lord's redeemed say so: whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,**
3. And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west: from the north and from the south.
17. **Fools were far gone in transgression: and because of their sins were afflicted.**
18. They sickened at any food: and had come to the gates of death.
19. **Then they cried to the Lord in their distress: and he took them out of their trouble.**
20. He sent his word and healed them: and saved their life from the Pit.

21. **Let them thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;**
22. Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving: and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2.1-10

¹ You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Holy Gospel: John 3.14-21

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

remembrance of her.' Another shadow crosses the day. They stare at him, dumbfounded. He is very irritating. Not only does he accept this woman's offering. Not only does he shame them in front of her, reminding them that there will always be poor people to serve. Now he says that he won't always be around. He says that this anointing is for his burial. Everyone looks aghast. It is good to sit and eat with him. But it is also so hard and uncomfortable. He is one of those people that as soon as you think you've got him worked out goes and does something to confound you. They sit around his table and they are covered in embarrassment. They don't really know why. Nothing is as they expect it to be. Have they come to Jerusalem for life and for victory, or for death and defeat and will they even know what each one looks like?

Next weeks homily

He ate with tax collectors and sinners part 2

Calling all Gentlemen.

On Saturday 23rd of March we are having a Men's Breakfast in our parish hall. 8:00am for 8:30am. Cost is \$12. All are welcome. 'Please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the Church for catering purposes'

What, When and Who for 'The wedding'

- Friday 1st of March: Jeanine and Fr. David travelled to Melbourne and started Long Service leave and annual leave. They return home in time for the Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th of March
- Fr. Roger Dyer will celebrate the Masses for the first two weekends of March. Fr. Roger is married to June who is also looking forward to being with you'.
- **In case of emergency Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the parish of Warrnambool. P. 5561 1687**

Holy Thursday night is March the 28th and our liturgy at Christ Church Hamilton begins at 7:30pm. We need 12 people to have a foot washed. If you would be one of the lucky 12 please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the Church. Vigil will be kept until

10pm. You may wish to sign up for that as well.

Clay pigeon shooting is on again at Earlene and Neil's place on Sunday 17th of March. Please book with Earlene on 0448 832 202

Of Easter flowers

If you have some of these to spare for our Easter celebrations, the Church will be open from 8:00am On Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Our Local Fundraising Committee meets next on Thursday 21st at 1:30pm. All ideas and folk are welcome.

Parish Council gathers together on Thursday 21st of March at 5:30pm.

Home Produce, Trash and Treasure Market.

From 9am on Saturday April 20th in the Parish Hall. Everyone and everything is welcome.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Thank you everyone for all the assistance in manning the Book Fair
The roster is at the BOOK FAIR- and all are welcome to pop their name on.
We endeavour to have two people on each shift.
Books are flying out the doors- so please encourage friends and family to donate their unwanted SALEABLE books.

ANY ENQUIRIES SUSAN M 0408528781

This year the proceeds will be allocated to :

- ♦ A Water project in Myanmar (an ABM project)
- ♦ Anglicare Australia (Disaster relief)
- ♦ The Christ Church ceiling project.

Today's Homily

This Lent we share Bishop Stephen Cotterell's series "the things he did"

He ate with tax collectors and sinners. Part 1

In the end this was his undoing. He just wasn't respectable enough. He mixed with the wrong sort of people. He wasn't one of us. There was too much God in him, and not the 'God-fearing sort of God' the God professionals liked to peddle. His was a very down-to-earth God: a compassionate 'on your side' God; a completely understanding and 'why not start again' God. And it drove them mad, the God professionals, the scribes and Pharisees, the ones whose job it was to tell people who God was and who God wasn't, and what following God looked like. They had the certificates to prove it. And the breeding. And he didn't.

And he ate with all the wrong sort of people. He kept very bad company. He got in with a rum lot.

In that week, as one thing led to the next, he would withdraw to Bethany to his friends; and one day, eating in the home of Simon the Leper, his disciples with him and others laughing and jesting, a woman came in from the street carrying an alabaster jar of costly ointment, pure nard. She didn't say anything. She didn't have to. She had about her an air of quiet determination and a devotion that had already passed beyond the cares of what others may say. She knelt at Jesus' feet. She broke the seal on the jar, and gently, lovingly, poured the oil on to his head. Everyone stared in disbelief. Was he really going to let this woman do this to him? Wouldn't he stop her?

So this woman, whoever she was and whatever she had done, and in spite of the prohibitions of his religion saying women, and for that matter lepers and small children, are not people to mix with, that they are unclean, he goes to them and he lets them come to him. He enjoys their company. He sees in them the very humanity he has taken to himself. He loves them.

So she pours the oil upon his head. It is warm,

and its fragrance fills the air, musky and sweet. It gently trickles down his neck and on to his beard. He smiles at her, full of simple gratitude for the gift of this anointing. There is a joy between them.

But the others around the table – his disciples and all the rest – are agitated and angry. This is expensive ointment. And this is a woman of possible ill repute, and anyway, a woman. What right does she have to do this? And where did this oil come from? It must have cost a fortune. Did she steal it? And if there is money to throw around on oil, wouldn't it be better to give it to the poor? Yes, that is the line they take. A sudden concern for others bolsters their effrontery. After all, the best way to protect your own bank balance is to offer the very best advice to others about what they should do with theirs. It is as if talking about giving is itself enough.

But what she does is just give; and she goes on giving. And what he does is receive, and he goes on receiving. It is almost as if Jesus is not listening to the puffed-up yammer of their indignation. He has screened out the good advice and the implied good intentions of the extravagantly self-righteous who actually intend to do nothing, and is, instead, focused on the one who gives and is able to receive. He is undefended. And it is the shocking beauty of this generous vulnerability that draws all those who also long to receive and are able to offer themselves.

This is what he loved about the poor.

Now this woman with the oil. The only thing those around him could think of was its cost; not the cost to this woman who had purchased the oil and sought him out and braved their reproach and done this thing of kindness, but the money itself.

They were still rehearsing the lines of their indignation, each one more piqued than the other, when their voices reached him. All voices do eventually. So he turned to them and said, 'Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome to Mothering Sunday

This noble custom dates back to the 16th century in England. On the fourth Sunday of Lent during that time, people went back to their "mother" church — this being the church where they were baptised or where they were raised. Mothering Sunday evolved into a day to celebrate the Virgin Mary, Jesus' mother, in the Middle Ages. To demonstrate their devotion, people would bring flowers and other offerings to the church. Later, it evolved into a celebration of our own personal mothers and mother Church. In some churches flowers and simnel cake are blessed and distributed to mothers.

On a yellow slip of paper, ideal for placing on your fridge, is the Holy week and Easter service times.

Books Books Books

at our Book Fair...only until Wednesday 27th of March.

Fashion Parade

Thursday 4th April, 2024

Clothes from Inspire

Beginning at noon with lunch, prepared by the Guild and friends.

The cost is \$25.00

Palm Sunday is on March 24th and Mass begins in the Hall at Christ Church Hamilton. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Come Saturday 30th of March

(Holy Saturday) if you have some time to help to clean brass and present Christ Church at its shiny best for Easter, please gather from 9:00am onwards.

Eye Glasses

A pair of eye glasses were found in the hall.

They are black with wooden look arms.

Please see Stewart if they are yours.

There is an invitation from Rotary Hamilton

to participate in a Community Conversation on Domestic Violence. Please refer to the email on the notice board at the back of Christ Church.

Venue: Hamilton Golf Club.

Speaker: Simone O'Brien a domestic violence survivor.

Date: Wednesday 27th March at 6.30pm

A reply is required by Wednesday 20th March.

For your Prayers this week

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

Dash Joan Mallinson Gwen Kenny Steven Yorston	Ethel Murray Dorothy Mervyn	Eden Morgan Deacon Kaye Hanks King Charles
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For those who have died

Lorna Weatherill, Phil Reid and Geoff Griffiths

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Leslie Gaskin Gregory Jervies Jennifer Wallis Elizabeth Armstrong Kathleen Aarons Ross Stanley Robert Tully	Greg Simon (Priest) Elizabeth Edgar Arthur Morris Rex Munday Gladys Fraser Arthur Brumley Thomas Moller	Brian Edwards Anthony Pevitt Phyllis Wolf Thomas Gamble Eva Hamilton William Mallinson
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Rhode Island – The Episcopal Church (I (1) Province)
- Melbourne: Philip Freier, Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings and Paul Barker, Kate Prowd
- Buninyong: Mark Schnerring
Springmount: Chris Keast (supervising)
Anglicare Emergency Relief Centre Creswick Clients and Volunteers
- Kandam
- Our Premier and State Parliament

TODAY'S HYMNS
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A thrilling update on the 'Ceiling Project at Christ Church Hamilton'

- The quote we have is for \$70,000
- We had 59,000 in the restoration account.
- The donations that we are aware of, at last count, add up to \$5,500.
- The Vera Morre Trust has allocated \$5000
- We have applied to the Shire for a Heritage Funding Grant.'
(We expect to hear if we have been successful on Friday 12th of April.)
- We are not sure what the builders will discover when they start work and the cost could easily inflate due to unseen trickiness / creatures in the ceiling.
- There will be other projects like the steeple and the slate on the west side of the Church roof
- Most important THANKYOU to all those who have generously donated to this project.
- **Work began in earnest on Tuesday 27th of February.**
Can you spot 3 differences in the chancel

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the Bidding :
“Welcoming Lord” ...is ...“Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness”

Welcoming Lord ...**Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness**

Mindful of our vocation to support one another by prayer, let us offer our petitions to our Heavenly Father for our brothers and sisters throughout the world.That the church may always reach out to help those who are struggling. For Garry our Bishop and those who assist him. We pray for the parish of Port Fairy. For Reverend Netta serving God's people there We give thanks for the ministry of the Mothers Union in this parish.

Welcoming Lord ...

Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness

For those whose needs go unnoticed and for those opportunities we have to show your love to others. That our eyes may be opened and our ears unstopped to the needs of those around us.

Welcoming Lord ...

Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness

For those in our community who languish under the weight of disability or illness. For those who cannot seem to find help and whose cross is heavy. For all who have asked our prayers (Pause 1,...2,...3...)

Welcoming Lord ...

Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness

We offer our thanks for those who daily bring relief to others. For doctors, nurses, policemen, firemen and all who work in emergency services. That they may be blessed with the gift of resilience and see the face of your beloved Son in all whose lives they touch.

Welcoming Lord ...

Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness

For those who are called to the vocation of Motherhood. That you will grant them wisdom and joy.

Welcoming Lord ...

Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness

For our departed loved ones who have faithfully carried their cross and now rest in paradise. Especially the recently departed that you will grant them eternal rest and peace.

Welcoming Lord ...

Anoint us with the oil of forgiveness

We conclude our intercessions by praying together the prayer in the pew sheet

**“Heavenly Father,
Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home,
And help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”**

Things for Lent

- * Stations of the cross will be celebrated at 9:15am on Wednesday mornings at Christ Church
- * The Sacraments of reconciliation and or anointing are available by contacting Fr. David.
- * The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell will be reflecting on 'The things he did'.

And then there was this thing called *Daylight Saving* which begins in the wee small hours of April 7th. This means that:

- Our First Saturday night Vigil at **5:00pm will be on Saturday 13th of April**
- The Penshurst mass time for **Sunday April 28th is at 4:00pm**