

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Who provided the tomb for Jesus' burial?

- Joseph of Arimathea
- Joseph (Foster father to Jesus)
- Nicodemus.

Fr. David's hard quiz

Who did Jesus first appear to after his resurrection?

- Peter, James and John
- Mary of Magdala
- Mary His Mother
- Thomas

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: The Annunciation

Hard Quiz: Three Times

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 Tompson Tavern

Please note the new venue for the gentlemen'

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".

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

**Easter Sunday
31st March 2024**

WELCOME

**Jeanine and Fr. David wish everyone
a very happy and joyous Easter.**

Sentence:

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Collect:

Brightness of God's glory, whom death could not conquer nor the tomb imprison: as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, help us to share your immortality in the Spirit; let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the First and the Last, the Living One, our immortal Saviour and Lord. **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	3rd April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	6th April	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	7th April	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Eileen	Reader 2 Jannier	Intercessor: Robyn	Sides People: Ian & Heather
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Christ Church Hamilton

**St Mary's
Dunkeld**

**St Peter's
Glenthompson**

**St Mark's
Cavendish**

**All Saints'
Penshurst**

1st Reading: Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Psalm 118.1-2; 118.14-24

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endures for ever.
2. **Let Israel now proclaim: that his mercy endures for ever.**
3. The Lord is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.
4. **The sounds of joy and deliverance are in the tents of the righteous.**
5. The right hand of the Lord does mighty things: the right hand of the Lord raises up.

6. I shall not die but live: and proclaim the works of the Lord.

7. The Lord has disciplined me hard: but he has not given me over to death.
8. **Open me the gates of righteousness: and I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.**
9. This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter it.
10. **I will praise you, for you answered me: and have become my salvation.**
11. The stone that the builders rejected: has become the head of the corner.
12. **This is the Lord's doing: and it is marvellous in our eyes.**
13. This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

¹ Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

script for healing is just one word. From our perspective it does not seem like a lot. Our condolences will always feel impossibly inadequate... flimsy and futile. Hopeless in and blown away by the stormy gusts of grief. But for Mary Magdalene it was enough and it will be more than enough for those who we tend. And our Easter decision to just show up and be there will be enough. And yes, we will learn when it is our turn, that He speaking our name will be more than enough.

And like Mary Magdalene we are given the joyous privilege to go to our brothers and sisters to share the good news of the empty tomb; with all its puzzles and questions and yes even the angels. So...

Where is it that you need to be this Easter? Who is it that you need to be with this Easter?

Who's name do you need to speak? Maybe it is your own name.

These are His Easter decisions, your Easter decisions, my Easter decisions. Our Easter decisions.

Next weeks homily

Conquering with brokenness.

Baptism—Miss Cleo Freestone

On Sunday April 21st Miss Cleo Freestone will be baptised at Christ Church Hamilton. Cleo is the little sister to Paige and her parents are Nathaniel (Nat) and Lisa. Her God parents are Daniel Winnell and Michelle Winnell. Please make them welcome.

Anglicare

Top of the list for Anglicare are

- ♦ Pasta
- ♦ Pasta sauce
- ♦ Cereal
- ♦ Toilet paper.

Thank you!

To all those who helped with work in the physical fabric of the Church
and

Those who helped by taking part in the Holy Week liturgies.

Our Anglican Women's Guild

meets next on Thursday April 11th at 10am. All are very welcome.

An Easter Sized Thank you

To all those who helped with Flowers, cleaning and all the hidden things to make this Easter so special.

ANGLICAN BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair has once again been a great success- thankyou to everyone that has contributed in any way. The Final Day is Wednesday 27th. **PACK UP DAY IS Monday April 1st at 1.30pm.** We would appreciate it if as many people can come as possible - as many hands make light work!. The main task is to repack the books into boxes.

THANK-YOU AFTERNOON TEA will be held on Wednesday April 10th at 3pm in the Church Hall.

Susan M 0408 528 781

Fashion Parade

Thursday 4th April, 2024

Clothes from Inspire

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

Venue: Anglican Church Hall

Booking for catering purposes please contact:

Sue 5572 5068

Roma 0439 382210

Judy 55721990

The cost is \$25.00

Today's Homily

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

Easter decisions

The first known meeting of the Risen Lord is in very understated circumstances. It's a gloomy, early morning, still dark and there is one person (only one) that the Risen Lord wants to be with.

The risen Lord makes a conscious, maybe even premeditated choice to be with the weeping Mary Magdalene. This is the first person on His 'parish to do' list. This is who He wants to be with.

The setting is also significant. When you are the Risen Christ you can choose to be wherever you want to be, whenever you want to be. Jesus chooses his own empty tomb and He chooses Mary Magdalene. This is where he wants to be and this who he wants to be with. These are his Easter decisions. These things matter and to Him, they matter very much. When you think about it The Teacher could have been anywhere at all. He could have been on the rooftops shouting 'Hey look at me look at me. I told you so'. He could have been leading a great parade, or gone back to the temple to kick over a few more tables. But he shuns all that and chooses somewhere else and someone else. He chooses just one person.

And He chooses to show up at the very moment when there is confusion, despair, bewilderment and many unstoppable tears. At a time when it is not only physically dark with absence of light, when you can't physically see; it's also psychologically and emotionally dark. Probably the only thing worse than going to the tomb of a loved one when your grief is raw, is showing up only to find that the grave has been disturbed and the body stolen. But... This is where He chooses to be and this is who chooses to be with. He could have been with Pontus Pilate or a Roman soldier, or Peter, James and John. They will hear the news soon enough and like all blokes it will take them some time to figure it all out. It took the church a few centuries to understand the consequences of an empty tomb. The Master

chooses to be with the woman who had seven demons. The one who is inconsolable with questions and sobbing. The one who just wants to make the wrong thing right. To restore peace and rest.

'Sir if you have taken him away....etc...'

Having made the decision about where and with who, The Risen Lord now makes a decision about what to say.

And all He says is one word. 'Mary' There is no long theological treatise on how the resurrection happened, or when the stone got rolled away. No step by step instructions about how to fold the burial cloths. Nor does he explain what the empty tomb will mean for all time and for all people.

The understanding and the consequences of that first gloomy and bewildering morning would come much later and perhaps like Mary, in our inky black moments, it is better that we don't understand the logistics and theological niceties. Surely it is enough that we simply listen to the one word HE so longs wants to speak to us. Our name. Your name. My name. The resurrection then is not something to debate in the abstract. Not a theological trinket to be held at arms distance; to be turned over and puzzled about. It is not a cerebral exercise in a carefully crafted essay with lengthy a bibliography, a mark out of ten, the logic of which escapes me.

The resurrection is something we glimpse and live and revel in. The minuscule speckles of gold that we sometimes see in the dirt and slurry of our lives and somehow know that there is much more to discover and relish. The streets of heaven are paved with this stuff and one of these days... Just one of these days.

All this is conveyed in His Easter decisions.

By where The Master chooses to be on the very first easter, with who he chooses to be with and what he chooses to say.

His Easter decisions for Mary Magdalene are the same decisions He makes for our first real Easter.

At our tomb, with us, speaking our name. Your name, my name.

Until then we take our lead from Him. We go quietly without hesitation and we stand with the vulnerable and the broken. Like Him we just stand quietly with them and for them. Our

Hear the word of the Lord Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 20.1-18

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the

body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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 Gwen Kenny Steven Yorston Ethel Murray	Dorothy Mervyn Eden Morgan Deacon Kaye Hanks King Charles	Beatrix Trevor Katherine, Princess of Wales Bishop Garry
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For those who have died

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Ella McLellan Geoffrey Robertson Arthur Bowker Margaret Slorach Adella Mitchell Albert Barby Vera McDonald	Thomas Evans Jean Whittet Sydney Prust Leslie Hamilton Doreen Smith Marjorie Blackburn Robert Jones	John Norris Norman Kenny Errol Jenkins Herbert Booker Estelle McComb James Charman
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
- Trinity College: Dean - Bob Derrenbacher, faculty and students.
- Balob Teachers' College
- All Volunteers

TODAY'S HYMNS
649 678 325 389

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.)
- 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.
- There are two updates from the builders for you to read
One dated the 14th March and one dated the 20th March

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding;
"Victorious King" ... is ...
"Hear our prayer"

Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer**

As we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord, let us offer our petitions with joyful hearts. For Garry our Bishop and our diocesan family. For the parish of Ararat and for Fr. Martin serving God's people there

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

That we may joyfully proclaim the message of the empty tomb and bring that good news to a waiting world

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

For the nations and people of the world. That the peace of the Risen Christ may reign forever in the hearts and lives of those who hunger for justice. We remember especially God's people

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

For those who are imprisoned by hunger, addiction and abuse. That they may be freed from their infirmities and live a new life in Christ

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

We pray for ourselves, that we may walk in Easter light, and bring His light of Christ into the world

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

In a moment of silence, let us offer the petitions upon our hearts at this special time
(Pause 1,...2,...3,...)

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

For our deceased brothers and sisters that they may rise to the new life of the triumphant Christ. Especially those who have died in the last year and the recently departed.....

*Victorious King ... **Hear our prayer***

Father of life, Author of love, in raising your Son from the grave, all of creation has been reborn. May the life and love of the paschal mystery that we celebrate be a constant and

lasting reality in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

Home Produce, Trash and Treasure Market.

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

Attention MU members...

the Mia Mia magazines are on a table at back of hall for members to pick up

MU Lady Day celebrations

happen at our Cathedral on Monday 8th of April at 11:00am.

Clay pigeon shooting is on again at Earlene and Neil's place on Sunday 21st of April
Please book with Earlene on 0448 832 202

This is important. On Sunday May 5th after the 10:30am Eucharist, Sheridan Yates will be running a discussion and information session on Advanced Care Planning. All are welcome to attend this pertinent topic. Bring your questions... Bring a friend.

One date - Two meetings The date Thursday 18th of April

- ◆ Meeting 1. The Fundraising Committee at 1:30pm
- ◆ Meeting 2. Parish Council at 5:30pm

New Roster

Please pick up your new roster at the back of the hall