

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Early on Easter day two disciples ran to the tomb. The one who ran this footrace in record time came first was

- Peter
- John
- Andrew
- The two came in a dead heat and were unable to be separated in a photo finish.

Fr. David's hard quiz

When Mary Magdalene looks inside the tomb she sees how many angels

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 7
- None

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: October 13th

Hard Quiz: Maundy

Cuppa and Chatter It all happens on Thursday at 3:00pm.

Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and gents to the Tompson Tavern

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	17th April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	20th April	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	21st April	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Gladys	Reader 2 Linley	Intercessor: Heather	Sides People: Jenny & Judy T
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**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**

Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 2024

WELCOME

Sentence: Acts 3.19–20

Turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

Collect:

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you conquered the grave; by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by being raised from the dead, you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin: be with us in your risen power, that in word and deed we may proclaim the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.

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.

**Christ Church
Hamilton**

**St Mary's
Dunkeld**

**St Peter's
Glenthompson**

**St Mark's
Cavendish**

**All Saints'
Penshurst**

1st Reading: Acts 3.12-20

¹² When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?' ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷ 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, ²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus,

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 4

1. Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness: when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

2. **Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame: how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**
3. Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness: when I call to the Lord he will hear me.
4. **Tremble, and do no sin: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.**
5. Offer the sacrifices that are right: and put your trust in the Lord.
6. **There are many who say 'Who will show us any good?: the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.'**
7. Yet you have given my heart more gladness: that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.
8. **In peace I will lie down and sleep: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

2nd Reading: 1 John 2.15-17; 3.1-6

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; ¹⁶ for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And

n't just something that he "wore" while on earth, but part of his very being. And for us, our bodies are not something solely for this life which we forever discard at the time of death. As human beings, we are a beautifully mysterious combination of body and spirit. Just as in the Ascension, Jesus took his resurrected body with him back to the Father, we, too, at the end of time, will receive back our glorified body for entrance into heaven. The body is a profoundly good part of how God created us. The body is holy—thus what we do with our bodies and what we do to other people's bodies really does matter. Flesh and spirit are not at war. They are actually exquisitely complementary. They need each other and they find that perfect union in Him who liked his fish barbecued. For your reflection you might like to recall your favourite 'bible food story' and why it appeals to you?

Next weeks homily

Dear Cleo...

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.

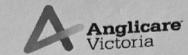
Mothers Union

There will be a Mothers' Union meeting at 1.30 pm on Wednesday April 10th, followed by a thank you afternoon tea at 3.00 pm for those who helped in any way with the Book Fair. Mothers' Union members please remember to take a plate of food.

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Anglicare Warrnambool

Last Friday, April 5th a large amount of donated groceries were delivered to Anglicare in Warrnambool from our parish. They were greatly appreciated especially long life milk, vegemite and breakfast cereals as their supplies were running low.



**Thank you very much
for your donation**

Anglicare Victoria in Warrnambool is supported very strongly by individuals and groups within our region.

**We appreciate your
kindness and
compassion.**

Please accept this as a personal and formal Thank You.

Your donation is recorded and goes toward supporting local people who are going through a difficult time. It may be used to raise funds.

**Volunteer staff and
Management**
Anglicare Victoria
Warrnambool

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

Susan M 0408 528 781

Today's Homily

'How do you like your fish?'

On our menu today you can have battered and deep-fried; roast or baked; pan-fried; poached. Or, how about broiled?

In the Gospel the disciples gave Jesus a piece of 'broiled' fish to eat so that Jesus could prove to them that he was 'real' and not a ghost; When I read this, I realised that I didn't actually know what 'broiled' meant. So I spent some time by the flickering light of the computer and I learned that broiling is 'cooking by exposure to direct radiant heat, either on a grill over live coals, or below a gas burner or electric coil'.

The first of these options is all that would have been available back in the first century AD, and is basically what, today, we would call barbecuing – cooking over charcoal. This echoes with another resurrection story John's Gospel where Jesus was cooking fish for them over a charcoal fire for breakfast.

But there's a more significant aspect to this than how Jesus likes his fish cooked. We're told the main reason that Jesus asked for something to eat was to prove to the disciples that he was 'real' – that it was actually, really truly him as fully human flesh and blood. After all, only a 'real' person – not a ghost – could eat 'real' food. So why didn't Luke just tell us that Jesus 'ate some food'; or even that he 'ate some fish'? Why did Luke specifically state that 'They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence'? What's Luke trying to teach us here?

Well, perhaps Luke gave this specific detail because he was keen to show the reality of Jesus' appearance – that it really did happen. Like a witness in court, the more vivid detail they can provide, the more credible they are. So Luke is helping us because he knows that the hardest part of faith is actually realising (that is, feeling as well as academic knowledge) the truth of what we say we believe. This is a continuously difficult thing for any disciple. Just look at the disciples: they'd lived with Jesus day-in and day-out for three years; they'd witnessed all his miracles, heard all his teaching, been given privileged addi-

6 tional insights. And yet, when faced with the risen Christ, Luke tells us that they were 'startled, terrified, disbelieving and wondering'.

So, if it was difficult for those first disciples, how much more so for us, to 'accept the reality' or 'realise the truth' that God is real and that Jesus is the real personification of God. Indeed, this slippery grasp onto the living reality of what we believe goes right back to Moses, when he asked how God should be identified to the Israelites, God replied simply, "I AM"! Perhaps what God meant by this was that, "If you really want to know what is really real, then 'I AM'". Indeed, God is more real than anything else, because He is the source of everything that we consider real. What Moses, what the disciples, and what we must realise, is that God is more real than anything else.

It might help if we unpack the word 'realise'. It's the word 'real' with 'ise' on the end. Its dictionary definition is to 'become fully aware of something as a fact; to understand clearly'. So how do the gospel writers help us become fully aware of the resurrection as a fact? By telling us resurrection food stories. We connect so very strongly with food stories. Remember another of Luke's stories where the risen Jesus walks unrecognised with two of his disciples. It was only after they arrived at the village of Emmaus, and Jesus broke the bread at the dinner table, that they finally recognised him. Then there is the scene with Peter and other disciples after a long day of fishing. They see the risen Lord calling them from the shore. When they arrive, they find that he has cooked a breakfast of bread and fish for them and invites them to "Come, have breakfast." (John 21:1-14)

So what else will help us feel and know the reality of a physical, touchable, tangible, palpable, body resurrection? Jesus did some other curious things right after the resurrection: like breathing on his disciples and inviting Thomas to actually touch his nail wounds and feel the sword gash in his side. These resurrection touching, feeling, scenes drive home not only help us to understand the resurrection but teach us the importance of the human body. For Jesus, his physical body was-

3 all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24.36b-48

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

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'³⁷

They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?'³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

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

Thank you so very much to Lauren, Scott and Amy from Vetcare Hamilton for a wonderful and generous donation of \$1000 towards the restoration repairs. It is deeply appreciated and will be a great help.

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 Catherine, Princess of Wales Bishop Garry
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For those who have died

Bishop John Stewart. Hannah McGuire

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

S. Winter-Cooke William Harrison Catherine Chesswas George Benson Charles Mitchell Thelma Duncan Harry Cooper	Daphne Sharrock Lucy Stephen Eleanor Lean John Riddle John McGregor Joseph Elliott Cora Wines	Harry Walter Thomas Bilston Joan Milne Ronald Tait Dikea Kipreou
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Perth: Kay Goldsworthy, Kate Wilmot, David Bassett & Hans Christiansen
- North West Australia: Darrell Parker
- Wendouree: Denis Sotiriadis.
- Koko
- The elderly and those who care for them in institutions and at home. Senior citizen groups.

TODAY'S HYMNS
389 444 272 678

- A Rousing update on our Church ceiling
- Well it's completed!
- Every inch of carpet in Christ Church has been steam cleaned.
- The Estimate we had was for \$70,000 but at the time of going to print we do not have the final account.
- We had \$59,000 in the restoration account
- The donations that we are aware of (including 'Sponsoring a panel') add up to \$5,500
- The Vera Morre trust have donated \$5000
- There will be other projects like the steeple and the slate on the west side of the church roof
- Most Important. A Cracking great THANK YOU to all those who have generously donated to this project in any way.
- The Mothers' Union have generously donated \$5000 from the proceeds of the Book Fair to assist with this project. Thank you everyone!

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
'Lord we believe' ... is ... 'conquer our unbelief'

Lord we believe ... **conquer our unbelief**

Like the apostles the church today is to bear witness to the Risen Christ with lives of peace and joy. Let us make our prayers in the spirit of that peace and faith.

Lord we believe ...conquer our unbelief

That the Church may be faithful in her vocation to break bread and proclaim the resurrection of Christ. For Garry our Bishop and those who are assisting him in his time of healing

Lord we believe ...conquer our unbelief

We surround with our prayers those who have been diagnosed with dementia. May they and their families know your unstoppable time for them.

Lord we believe ...conquer our unbelief

For our own selves that we may not be slow to understand and believe.

Lord we believe ...conquer our unbelief

For our Blessed Dead, that they may experience the triumph of the resurrection and live in the presence of the risen Christ; We hold up with hope those who have died at the hands of others especially Hannah McGuire and the recently departed Bishop John Stewart

Lord we believe ...conquer our unbelief

In a moment of silence let us offer the petitions that are upon our own hearts this morning.....

Lord we believe ...conquer our unbelief

We make our prayers to the Risen Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Home Produce, Trash and Treasure Market.

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

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, Sherridan 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 Christ Church.

