

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

At Cleo's baptism today we use

- 1 Holy oil
- 2 Holy oils
- All 3 Holy oils
- None of the Holy oils.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The earliest possible date for Easter is

- 20th of March.
- 21st of March
- 22nd of March
- 23rd of March

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: John

Hard Quiz: Two

Cuppa and Chatter It all happens on Thursday at 3:00pm. Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and gents to the Thompson's Tavern All are very welcome

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Home produce, Trash and Treasure market yesterday. It was a very happy and fruitful day

Our Parish figures and finances for March 2024

Income this month 9647.87 (which includes \$5000 from Mothers' Union
Expenditure 3197.99
Our debt to the Diocese \$16,000

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	24th April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	27th April	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	28th April	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 4.00pm	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton All Saints' Penshurst

Reader 1: Linley	Reader 2 John	Intercessor: Betty	Sides People: Gladys & Diane
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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.

New Roster

Please pick up your new roster at the back of Christ Church.

Anglicare

Top of the list for Anglicare are

- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Pasta sauce
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Toilet paper.

One thing we don't know about the ceiling project.

The final bill.

Alas we were unsuccessful in our bid to obtain a grant from the Shire.

"Unfortunately the round was once again oversubscribed and the policy guides us on equal distribution of funds across the Shire. Council did speak very highly of your project, and advised to keep working with Trudy Rickard as she may come across other grant opportunities for the church."



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21st April 2024

WELCOME

Sentence: John 10.14

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'I know my own and my own know me.'

Collect:

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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

Today it is our special joy to Welcome Miss Cleo Freestone into God's church through the waters of Baptism. We also welcome Cleo's parents Lisa and Nathaniel (Nat), Cleo's older sister Paige together with Cleo's god parents Daniel and Michelle. If you are visiting today and would like to make your communion you are warmly encouraged to do so with us.

1st Reading: Acts 4.5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders,' ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." ¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
2. **He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.**
3. He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
4. **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**
5. You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

and go and count all his sheep and give them their crumpets, vegemite toast and coffee. But one morning ... Uh Oh.. one of his sheep was missing. The Sheep's name was David and Jesus the good farmer was really Really sad because David was missing. Jesus the good farmer did not waste a single minute. He began looking for David immediately.

He went down to the hen house because he knew David liked to play with the chickens. He looked in every nesting box even though he kind of knew David the sheep wouldn't fit in the nesting box. No David. Oh Dear where can he be? He went down to the haystack because he knew that sometimes David liked to go and have a little old person snooze at the back of the haystack. But no... David was not there. The Good Farmer Jesus did not give up. He went to the prickly bramble bush (which he didn't like very much) and looked all through the bush; but no David.

Then he thought.. I wonder if David has gone down to the very back paddock to try and get a drink from the grungy dam. It takes the good Farmer Jesus a long time to walk all the way down to the dam. It is very hot and it is a very rocky path but eventually he gets there. And there is David in the middle of the murky dam crying and crying, because he is stuck in the stinky mud and can't get out.

The good Farmer Jesus dives straight into the very muddy icky water.

Kersplosion! He rescues David.

He carries David on his shoulders all the way back to the farmhouse even though David is dripping with muddy

water and smells disgusting. Then the Good farmer Jesus calls all his farming friends and throws a wonderful big party with sausages and sauce and fairy bread and sausage rolls and chips and lots of fizzy drinks that make you go burp.

May you have lots of great parties Cleo and may you always remember that Jesus the good Farmer is with you at every party.

Next weeks homily

You did **not** choose me... but...

Happy Days!

Our next Quiz night will be on Friday 20th of September. Place it squarely into your diary and gather a table.

In phopah #592 I was chattering about the Risen Jesus (it was a pretty good homily up until this point) asking for something to eat and to make the point opened the dining room fridge at The Grange where there was no broiled fish as Holy Scripture might suggest, but there was a truck load of other refreshing beverages at which point I completely lost my train of thought and quietly shut the fridge door. I tried valiantly but in vain to desperately recapture some dignity. I failed of course, but it will no doubt be one of those stories my kids will tell about me at my wake. Sort of ...'Do you remember the time when...???'"

Today's Homily

Dear Cleo,

This letter comes to you in two parts. There is the grown up bit at the start for old people and then there is the really nice bit which is a story especially for you.

Let's get the old people bit over with first.

You came into this world with much anticipation and joy. You were looked forward to and wanted and loved even before you emerged from your Mum's tummy. Even before you cried loudly in the labour ward and the first bottle of pop went ... well.... it went Pop! You were baptised or Christened on April 21st 2024. In Churchy terms it was the 4th Sunday after Easter that year or the fourth Sunday in Eastertide or Good Shepherd Sunday.

It's very hard to describe to old people what Jesus is like so there are lots of times when we say that Jesus is like... Like a Good friend, or like a really good parent or like a fantastic older brother who sticks up for you.

On the Sunday you were baptised we said that Jesus was like a Good Shepherd or a good farmer.

Someone who knows each and every sheep or person. He knows what is good for us and where we need to be at any given moment of the day or night.

The Good Farmer speaks to us and sometimes it's a bit hard to hear him so we have to practice being quiet and being very still in our hearts and outside when we are playing. This is very difficult for us especially when there is so much great stuff on TV and good friends to play with.

6 Jesus the Good shepherd also leads us or shows us where we are supposed to go into the future and somehow (you'll have to ask him how he does this) he is also behind us shooing us along or encouraging us. Then it gets really tricky because he also walks alongside us. Sometimes he helps us up if we fall over and skin our knee or if we feel lonely or just because he really likes being with us and giggling with us. You see what a tricky but thoroughly enjoyable Farmer Jesus is?

Sometimes life plays tricks on us and things don't seem to go the way we think they should. This is where Jesus the Good Farmer really comes into his own. We can rely on him when we have all sorts of hard questions and especially when we have our cranky pants on and are feeling cross.

The priests, people, your parents and God parents are also a bit like shepherds. They love you very much and are there to help you and support you. You can easily see them and listen to them and ask them all sorts of tricky questions. They will try to show you what Jesus is like by the way they care for you.

Jesus church is always open for you and will always welcome you. That's a really important thing to remember. Phew... that was the older person's bit. Now comes the story.

Once upon a time, in a place not very far from where you are reading this, there was a really great Shepherd. He had exactly one hundred sheep. He knew each of them by name, he loved them so much that He even knew what each one liked for breakfast and how they liked to have their wool clipped. Each day he couldn't wait to get up

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.16-24

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 10.11-18

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

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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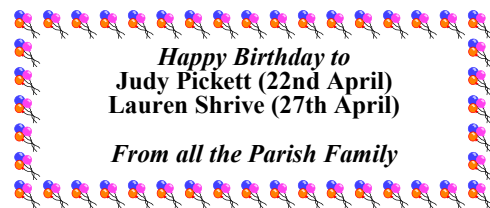
For those who have died

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Andrew Templar Gertrude Dickenson John Relley Leonard Crawley Joan Lyons	Keith Lanyon Dorothy Lyons Kevin Stapleton Lesley Ferguson All those who have fallen in war	Leslie King Athol Potter Ruby Mapleback Olga Gould
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church of Australia
- Wangaratta: Clarence Bester
- Sebastopol: Cathedral Clergy
Holy Trinity Op Shop Volunteers.
- Movi
- Neglected and abused children.
Those in fostercare.



TODAY'S HYMNS
661 466 187 147

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
 "Loving shepherd" ... is... "lead us to heaven"

Loving shepherd...**lead us to heaven.**

The Lord is the good shepherd, who knows each one of his flock by name: let us offer our prayers to God, trusting in His personal love for us.

Loving shepherd...lead us to heaven.

For Garry our bishop and the clergy of this diocese, that they may grow ever into the image of Christ the good shepherd. For a faithful shepherd to be found for those parishes that are vacant at this time.

Loving shepherd...lead us to heaven.

For those who have chosen not to belong to the flock of Christ; That the good shepherd may gather them in his arms and bring them back.

Loving shepherd...lead us to heaven.

That men and women who struggle for human rights, may never follow false leaders or ways of violence.

Loving shepherd....lead us to heaven.

For those present at this mass and those who cannot be with us. That we may always think of the love the Father has lavished on us as his children.

Loving shepherd...lead us to heaven.

For those who have asked our prayers, that Christ the good shepherd may comfort the bereft and tend the ill

Loving shepherd... lead us to heaven.

For those who have died, that Christ the Good shepherd may take them home to be with him; especially our war dead and the recently departed.
Loving shepherd...lead us to heaven.

In union with Our Lady and all the saints we offer to the good Shepherd, the petitions upon our own hearts this day.....(Pause 1,... 2...,3...)
Loving shepherd...lead us to heaven.

Most gentle Father, You guide us along the right path; your Son is always there beside us. Comfort us by granting these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.