

**dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

**Fr. David's easy quiz**

Our Annual Pet Blessing is on ...

- Christmas Day
- Boxing day
- October 13th
- September 29th

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

Holy Thursday is sometimes also called ..... Thursday.

- Service
- Maundy
- Last Supper
- Foot Washing

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Joseph of Arimathea

Hard Quiz: Mary of Magdala

**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

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Wednesday	10th April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	13th April	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	14th April	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

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

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**7th April 2024**

**WELCOME**

Sentence: John 20.21

'Peace be with you,' says the Lord. 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

*Collect:*

Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us in despair but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **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**

<sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. <sup>36</sup> There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). <sup>37</sup> He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalm 133

- Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.
- It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.**
- It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.
- For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.**

<sup>1</sup> We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup> we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. <sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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gash where the sword pierced. The illness of Thomas' doubts is banished not by eloquent argument, or by a vote by his colleagues, or by them physically giving him a caning until he comes round to their way of thinking. Nor was his change of belief transactional. No one said..."Look Thomas, would a couple of hundred denarius sort this out for you?" The only way fear and doubt and wounds are conquered is by holding onto the wounded in our world and holding onto Him. Which does, of course, open up all sorts of dimensions when you come and open up your hands to receive Him and touch Him at the altar. And just as surely as Thomas was invited .. so too you are invited.. with Thomas and the 12, with those gathered around you today... to touch again 'The body of Christ.'

**Next weeks homily**  
How do you like your fish?

**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.

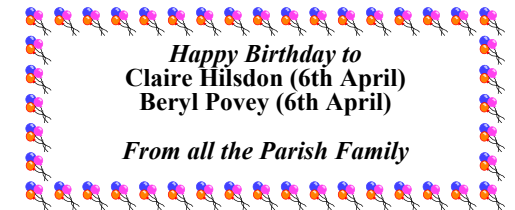
**Anglicare**  
Top of the list for Anglicare are  
◆ Pasta  
◆ Pasta sauce  
◆ Cereal  
◆ Toilet paper.

**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.

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

Susan M 0408 528 781



## Today's Homily

### Conquering with brokenness.

What is it about hands? They crop up quite a bit in the good book. Pilate washes his hands before sending Jesus on his way to death. Jesus places his hands on little children and on the sick. The laying on of hands confers the Holy Spirit and authority in the early church.

Our Lord has his hands pierced and then will show them to his disciples. So hands are important. The Risen Master shows his hands off for two reasons. First, they exhibit A as proof of his identity. It really is me chaps. Secondly they are proof that the crucifixion really did happen. The crucifixion was an actual event, complete with nails and wood, gristle and blood.

Jesus' hands and more specifically his wounds will say what words cannot. No promises from his colleagues could dispel Thomas' doubt, but the wounds sure do.

And so there is the invitation.

Jesus offers exactly the proof that Thomas has requested.

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails”

It's almost as if Jesus is saying. Very well Thomas. If that is what it will take, then I gladly offer you my pierced hands. Do precisely as you have asked. Touch and see.

I wonder what we would ask for as our exhibit A? Or if we are bluntly honest what is it that we have asked for in the past? What are we asking for today? What is it that we will ask for next week?

It is sorely tempting to ask for the big ticket stuff or what we want or we need, A B C Q and Z.

But whatever we might ask for ... dazzle dazzle and miracles, Our Lord will always offer something else entirely... brokenness. Broken hands, broken feet, a pierced side. Broken bread and poured out wine. And so the resurrected and pierced Messiah is what we hold out to the world. We hold out and offer... HIM. One who always invites, but never stomps his foot and claims 'You must'. For faith and love are not manufactured or coerced. They cannot

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be compelled or engineered. They cannot be purchased with a bit of plastic, or after pay or through a mortgage broker. They are priceless and spring forth from that place within the deep soil of our soul. They find outward expression in His hands, his body, his blood, his side

And it is not just a physical invitation to touch and see for Thomas. This invitation, this scandalous and outrageous dare, is for all people individually and it is for all humanity collectively. We have done our worst, humanity has done its most grizzly and appalling, continues to do its macabre best and in the face of our fear of each other, our fear of Him and fear of ourselves, He still calls us to see and to touch. Everything that is mused about us He heals and makes whole. He does this by the gore of his own hands. If we can embrace and touch his broken hands with our own distorted and twisted hands, then like the man with the withered hand in the synagogue, we might also reach out in our responsiveness. We do so not really knowing what will happen or why. In our reaching out we will, no matter how tentative, how precarious, how nervous, or confused we might be, our crinkles and warts, all that is not quite right, will be made fresh and clean and beautiful; We become who we were meant to be, who we always were from the beginning and who will always be.

“Put your finger and see my hands.”

It is an uncomfortably intimate invitation. One hand touching another. The action of lovers. It is also confronting for the Master asks us to not only acknowledge what we have done, but to physically touch His wounds and to feel the damage that we have done. And if we can do that; acknowledging how we have damaged others and damaged ourselves, then and only then, can our own healing begin.

But there was something else that happened in that locked room between Thomas and the Master.

After this encounter Thomas would have been different. He would have been changed, transformed. He could not un-hear Our Lord's words. He could not un-see the wounds, the place where the nails were driven through. The

### Alleluia! alleluia.

Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me?’

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

### R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 20.19-31

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

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was

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called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Bishop John Stewart

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Thomas Schimells Gertrude :Morgan Joyce Wood Collin Nichol Valerie Clarke	Francis Young G.A.C. Innes—Priest Mary Middleton Joan Henderson Gertrude Hooper	Max Marshall Keith Ezard Caren Lovett Herbert Eales
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- Canberra and Goulburn: Mark Short, Carol Wagner & Stephen Pickard
- Hamilton: David Oulton
- Ginjiji
- Victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**746 431 143 326**

- 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
- We have applied to the Southern Grampians shire for a Heritage Funding Grant and we should hear if we are 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. A Cracking great THANK YOU to all those who have generously donated to this project in any way.
- The builders sent us two updates during their work. One dated the 14th of March and the 20th of March. Both are available if you would like a copy.

## Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:  
'Reach out your pierced hands'. ... is... 'and heal our brokenness'.

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

In the peace of the Resurrected Christ, let us offer our petitions to our Risen Saviour. For the church in her proclamation of the resurrection at this time. That she may be a faithful witness to Our Lord's victory over death. For Garry our Bishop and for the parish of Port Fairy. For those who provide ministry there and for a faithful priest to be found to serve God's people.

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

We offer to you those nations who are broken and pierced by war and bloodshed. We pray for those who are trying to heal these wounds.

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

For those whose hearts are pierced with the shards of doubt and disappointment. We hold up all who would like to believe, but are unable to at this time. That they may come to the fullness of understanding and joy in knowing Jesus as their Lord.

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

Surround with your love all who have asked our prayers, for those who are wounded physically, emotionally and psychologically. That the risen Christ will bring healing and fulfilment into their lives especially Garry our Bishop.

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

In a moment of silence let us offer our thankful petitions to our victorious Lord.  
(Pause 1,...2,...3,..)

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

That the faithful who have passed through the grave may be reborn in the new life of the Risen Christ

*Reach out your pierced hands. ...  
And heal our brokenness.*

Grant us Lord the healing and wholeness that enables us to constantly discover You in joy. The completeness that compels us to seek your justice in all things, the peace that invites us to call everybody friend. Grant us these things in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Risen Saviour. 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 Christ Church.