

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

The date of Parish AGM is..

- The last Sunday in July
- The first Sunday in August
- Actually we're not having one this year ☹️

Fr. David's hard quiz

The name of Michael Oulton's cat is

- Cheddar
- Brie
- Gouda
- Actually he doesn't have a cat.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Two holy oils

Hard Quiz: 22nd March

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

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.

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	1st May	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	4th May	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	5th May	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1 Meredith	Reader 2 Betty	Intercessor: Jannie	Sides People: Jan & Tony
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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."

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with the Market day last Saturday. The initial takings were \$1,605.20

**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

WELCOME

Sentence: 1 John 4.10–11

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Collect:

O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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.

**Christ Church
Hamilton**

**St Mary's
Dunkeld**

**St Peter's
Glenthompson**

**St Mark's
Cavendish**

**All Saints'
Penshurst**

1st Reading: Acts 8.26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'

³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'

³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'

³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 22.26-32

26. From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
27. **The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!**
28. Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
29. **For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.**
30. How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
31. **But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.**
32. This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

as Saint Paul put it; when these things will no longer be needed.

We look forward to the putting on of a 'spiritual body'—which looks like a contradiction in terms—an embodiment modelled on, and sharing in, that of the risen Christ's: the same- but-different, immortal (that is, not subject to decay), when the Last Enemy is finally overthrown.

In the meantime let us dare to knock the tops off the fragile, earthen vessels and pour out the generosity of God: share the Gospel, in season and out; let the waters of baptism be sloshed about as if we mean it; welcome sinners to the Lord's Table; anoint lavishly and with confidence; offer the best we can, given our circumstances. And leave the outcome to God. There is less of me that is original now than there was when I was a younger, slightly more attractive vessel: my hips are made of titanium and ceramic; I have about a third of a metre of Dacron plumbed through a major artery; and my gallbladder is a distant memory. I am now more earthen than ever. As, I suspect, are some of you. But take heart: this is God's good pleasure, to take the unlikely and the ordinary, and through it to do things unheard of, finally to renew it and make it fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Happy Days!

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

For Your Diary

- ◆ Parish Annual General Meeting Sunday 28 July
- ◆ Men's Breakfast Saturday 16 June

Items from Market Day

2 x Tents for sale:

- Canvas tent (square) approx. 3metres by 3 metres
- Waterproof tent with floor 3 metres x 2.5 metres

MAKE AN OFER:

Please contact Judy or Ken Pickett

Today's Homily

Today's homily from Bishop Mark Burton.

Of Tupperware and Tin.

John Donne wanted to die with his boots on. No quiet exit, slipping away in bed while asleep.

Ideally, he wrote, in a letter to a friend, 'it hath been my desire) that I might die in the pulpit.' And preferably, mid-sermon, to fall headlong into the congregation. He wasn't granted that wish, for which the staff and people of St Paul's, London, were probably glad. Rather like Saint Paul himself, for Donne, Death was the last enemy, finally to be overthrown in the victory of God in Christ: let Death earn its keep, 'not merely seize me...but win me, and overcome me.' Donne was defiant in the face of death—which was, we must remember—everywhere around him; but he could confidently declare that, 'I shall have my dead raised to life again.'

A more 'material' man would be hard to find and while I might not endorse every aspect of Donne's life to be emulated (any more than my own, I hasten to add), I find his earthiness attractive and profoundly spiritual (which may sound like a contradiction to some). Not for him a denial of the stuff that is our present reality; not for him a fleeing from matter as if it were the tainted by-product of a failed cosmic experiment by some half-baked demiurge or godlet. This fragile, dangerous dimension we inhabit, wherein even the most ordinary of objects can result in disaster ('a pin, a comb, a hair pulled, Donne observed), is that which God declared 'very good'. The Word became flesh, not to condemn the world, but to save it.

The reminder of this material fragility is everywhere around us; the Gospel itself—'this treasure'—is held in breakable vessels, made of earth and clay. The treasure of the gospel is held in earthen ware clay. It is held in you and it held in me. And we are given to fragility: and like the disciples who are argued who was the greatest we are also very brittle likewise brittle. A potential we all exhibit from time to time, I expect.

6 The wonderful news is that God is actually very pleased to be associated with such fragile earthenware. God is not embarrassed by us, by matter. This truth is supremely evident in the solid and thoroughgoing humanity of the Son of God, a humanity still present in a transformed, surpassingly superior yet recognisable resurrection body, still bearing the marks of suffering.

Here, this morning, we are surrounded by those material things in and through which the Holy Spirit of God is pleased to be present and to work: in addition to our very selves we have the scriptures, written and spoken; bread and wine and water; lyrical voices; this building itself, a reminder of the importance of place and yet subject to decay. Even hand sanitiser, a sign of our times.

Each of these things is material, made of matter. Whether spoken words or words on the pages of the scriptures, ink-on-paper (or pixels-on-thin-film-transistors, polycrystalline silicon 'words', for you technology buffs), they are material. We have no doubt that the Gospel, so conveyed, is effective that words can be a 'means of grace' as the old Prayer Book puts it. And if words, then so too water and bread and wine and oil—all manifestations of God's good creation that can be and are used to achieve God's purposes. (As a test, wherever you encounter the expression 'means of grace', substitute the word 'grace' with 'action of the Holy Spirit',

The Gospel is properly described as 'treasure', yet ironically it is to be kept on open display, with neither lock nor key; to be in constant use by means of its distribution to those who need it; and never to be rationed. Because the Gospel is not a finite resource, it is to be shared lavishly, even indiscriminately—for who is to say who the next 'unworthy' convert will be? All of our material bits and pieces—words written or spoken; water of baptism, bread and wine of the Holy Communion; oils with or without fragrance—arises from, and points to, the coming of the Son of God as one truly human. Ignoring them impoverishes us, and others. If we ration them we are mean. These material things point forward to the perfection, the completion of all things in Christ, the first-born of all creation, who will be all and in all,

2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

Abide in me as I abide in you.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 15.1-8

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 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

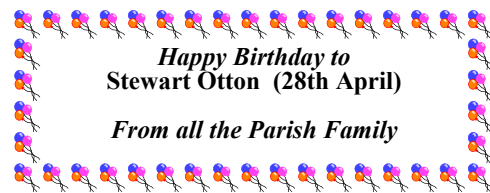
Emma Bates. Our War Dead. Who have died at the hands of others.

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Leslie Rush Patricia Giles Dorothy Wilmett Annabel MacKirby Elizabeth Ross Shirlee Rowland	Thelma Grace Stephen Worthy Rebecca Worthy Neil Munro Melville Campbell Ethel Hore	James Tully Helen Dougall Leslie Harlow Clarice Jones Elizabeth Coles William Richards
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• For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of Bangladesh
- Mortlake: Lay leaders and locum.
Prison Chaplaincy: Rob Ferguson & Kate Schnerring
- Tsendiap
- The terminally ill and those in great pain.



**TODAY'S HYMNS
517 133 273 513**

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
"By your divinity" ...is ... "Sanctify
our humanity".

By your divinity **Sanctify our
humanity**

Confident that our faith in God will
never disappoint us, let us make our
prayers known to the Father in Jesus
name.

Bless and keep Garry our Bishop in
your healing hands. We offer Reverend
Wendy and the people in the parish of
Lower Glenelg. For Deacons Alan and
Brian who assist her.

*By your divinity Sanctify our hu-
manity*

We give thanks for those who have
dedicated their lives to the service of
others, that their selflessness may re-
veal the depth of God's love. We hold
before God those applying for Visas.
*By your divinity Sanctify our hu-
manity*

We pray for all who have asked our
prayers and are overcome by physical
pain, spiritual emptiness and emotional
suffering. We pray especially for those
affected by natural disaster and those
who have asked for the ministry of de-
liverance.

*By your divinity Sanctify our hu-
manity*

Take to yourself all who have died in the peace
of Christ, that they may dwell in the places
prepared for them by the Risen One, especially
the recently departed Emma Bates, and our
War Dead. Who have died at the hands of oth-

ers:

By your divinity Sanctify our humanity

Hear our Easter prayers. May the dark-
ness of despair and anguish in our lives
be forever shattered by your marvel-
lous light of Easter joy. We ask this in
the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives forever and ever Amen.

Anglicare Warrnambool

The volunteers at Warrnambool
Anglicare were overwhelmed to
receive our recent delivery of goodies.
A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL
OUR PARISHIONERS WHO
CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE.

It makes a huge difference.

The following items are needed

- ◆ toiletries
- ◆ shampoos
- ◆ deodorants (not sprays)
- ◆ Pasta
- ◆ Pasta sauce
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Toilet paper.