

## dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

### Fr. David's easy quiz

In John 21 the 'Easter / Risen Jesus' helps the disciples catch a whopping number of fish. The number of fish is

- 144
- 120
- 153
- 76

### Fr. David's hard quiz

Who was John the Baptist's dad?

- Zachary
- Zebedee
- Aaron
- Joseph
- Actually... it's not recorded for us.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Where we read Luke's gospel

Hard Quiz: Blessed are the poor in spirit

**New Rosters** are available at the back of Christ Church Hamilton

### Pipe Organ Spectacular

Starring Mr. Joshua Walker

Sunday March 23rd 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Afternoon Tea to follow

Cost \$10

All welcome

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia  
Sunday 16th February 2025

### Praying

'Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people' (Ephesians 6:18)

One of the most wonderful things about the Mothers Union is the Wave of Prayer. We sometimes forget what a privilege it is to address our heavenly Father in prayer, and how powerful prayer is. This is especially important when we feel weak and helpless, because God is powerful – he sees and knows and rules all things. Even if we are sick or a long way from people and ignorant of what life is like for them, our prayers still matter. Even if we have prayed for a child for many years, we never give up, because God does all things in his best time in accordance with his wisdom. Thank God for Mothers Union and for its commitment to prayer.

*Question for thought: Am I trusting that the Lord hears my prayers?*

Gracious Lord, we pray for the over 8,000 members in the Diocese of Madi and West Nile in Uganda and thank you for their commitment to you. We pray as they serve their community by teaching women leaders, encouraging Bible study and running parenting courses, as well as caring for refugee women. We ask that your Spirit will guide them in doing the good works you have prepared for them to walk in. **Amen**



**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**  
**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**  
**23rd February 2025**

**WELCOME**

Sentence: Luke 6.35

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

### Collect

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **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 26th February	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 1st March	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 2nd March	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Jenny	Reader 2: Heather	Intercessor: Susan	Sidesmen : Meredith & Stewart
Eucharist Assistant: Heather			

### Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

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*Ist Reading:* Genesis 45.3-11; 45.15

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup> For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup> God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup> So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup> You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' <sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

*Psalm 37.1-11; 37.40-41*

1. Do not vie with the wicked: or envy those that do wrong;
2. **For they will soon wither like the grass: and fade away like the**

**green leaf.**

3. Trust in the Lord and do good: and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.
4. **Let the Lord be your delight: and he will grant you your heart's desire.**
5. Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act.
6. **He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: and your innocence as the noonday.**
7. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when someone prospers, when they put their evil purposes to work.
8. **Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil.**
9. For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
10. **In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.**
11. But the meek shall possess the land: and enjoy the abundance of peace.
40. **Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble.**
41. The Lord will help them and deliver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

*Second Reading:*  
1 Corinthians 15.35-50

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup> Not all

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very misguided way. So it's how do we highlight that... The killing of innocent lives, an eye for an eye doesn't make a situation better.

I feel a great pity for him and pity is perhaps the only emotion I can offer him as he's not here.

I thought about, you know, how this happens, how anyone could feel justified in that type of attack. Indeed, how common this attack is throughout the world and a source of terrorism is a very effective source of getting people to sit up and listen and take notice. And I thought about... how do I end this because I'm just one person. So what I can do is... I can... Actually stop an idea of a cycle of this continuing, of wanting retribution. So how can I reverse that cycle and in fact go out and do the complete opposite?

There has to be a line that is drawn. It is not 'us' and 'them'. It stops here." Our Master Teacher put this way "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High."

**Next week's homily**  
Who needs a tent anyway?

### **Mothers Union Quiet Day**

will be held at the Benedictine Abbey Camperdown on Saturday March 1st commencing with a Eucharist at 10-30 This will be led by Rev Netta Hill.  
All are Welcome.

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**There is another Paul Hogan**  
and he is the new Anglicare person in Warrnambool. He has kindly let me know that they need

- ◆ Milo & Coffee (that we decant into smaller portions)
- ◆ Jam
- ◆ Vegemite
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Tinned tuna
- ◆ Tins of pet food are always welcome as some people tend to feed their pets before themselves

### **Cuppa and Chatter**

It all happens on **Thursday at 2.15pm**. Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and **3.00pm** gents to the Thompson's Tavern  
All are very welcome

### **Lenten study at Glenthompson.**

We will be using the Catholic study from Wollongong called Metanoia. We meet at Elisabeth Cumings place, "Sterling", Fishers Lane. We meet at 7:00pm on Thursday March 6th & 27th and April 3rd & 17th.  
All are welcome.

**Lenten letters...** Now there's a thought.

### **Fun fact Friends.**

You can now donate to the parish when you use the recycle machine near the bowling green at 92 Kennedy Street Hamilton. Here's the steps you need to follow.

1. Download the CDSVICWEST app on your phone
2. Register. Which is very easy. They will ask for your email address and to agree to their T's and C's.
3. They will send a barcode to your email address which you use when you go to deposit at the recycling machine.

It sounds tricky but it isn't. Our Thanks goes to a number of people who worked very hard to make all this happen. Give it a try. There will be cardboard carton in the hall if you wish to place them in there. Someone will take them to the recycle machine.

## Today's Homily

### So who is Gill Hicks?

Gill was an Australian woman living in London in 2005, when she got on the tube on the Piccadilly Line on her way to work. It was just another day and she was on the way to the office. On this particular day amazingly and weirdly, she was running late. Gill never ran late but that morning she had a blazing row with her fiancé and she was determined to give him the flick and begin a new life. She was banging drawers to try and wake him up and it meant that she took a scarf to wear which crucially would later save her life.

In the crowded carriage she was standing close to Jermaine Lindsay who was carrying a bomb. There was only one person separating her from Jermaine. In effect he saved her life with his own body even though he didn't plan it that way over his cereal that morning. Later Jill would meet this man's wife who said

"If this is the last thing he did with his life to save mine, then what a wonderful thing he's done as his last moments."

As the bomb was detonated, she felt as though she was being enveloped in inky blackness.

In the explosion, Gill lost both her legs, as she waited for help to come, she made a contract with herself to survive. But she says, she wasn't fully aware of the 'fine print'.

After an hour in the dark she was rescued and on the way to the hospital she experienced clinical death several times, and had to be resuscitated.

During this time Gill heard two insistent voices in her head: one was female, inviting her to surrender into the peace of death. The other voice was male, and it was demanding that she choose to live. This is where the wonderful scarf came in "because I still had the scarf on and calm-

ly managed to tie tourniquets around the tops of my legs. And I knew that I was in a very, very, very serious situation. But, there was a girl across saying, you know, what's your name and what do you do and trying to keep each other awake."

From the start of her recovery, she was determined not to dwell on hate or revenge. Instead Gill became close friends with the many police officers and medical staff who saved her life. She says the love she received from complete strangers is much more important to her than the hateful attack on herself and her fellow passengers.

Later Jill would say that "I received unconditional love

from strangers. And that is why I don't feel any hatred because it's too precious. What I've been given back is too precious to allow the cancerous nature of hatred and bitterness to decay my life.

I would say I'm angry and I think that's okay. But equally, it's the anger that gets me up in the morning to say, what am I going to do about it?"

We now know a fair bit about the bomber on your train. He was a troubled 19-year-old who'd fallen under the influence of a bad mind. Many people wouldn't see him as troubled and wouldn't want to say he was wicked. Jill had this to say about the bomber.

"I'd like to believe, and this is again, you know, he's dead. And so we can only ever presume what he thought. And I'm very cautious of making presumptions because on that morning, he presumed a hell of a lot of things about me. He presumed I was his enemy and he never asked me. I never had a choice.

So I don't want to presume too much about him, but the space that I like to think about with him and indeed what he symbolises is that there is a passion to the crime and that these are people that are wanting to make a difference, albeit in a

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to St Luke

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>27</sup> 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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

flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup> There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

**Alleluia! alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you  
**R. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

## For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need and those who are preparing for surgery

King Charles Beatrix	Catherine, Princess of Wales Bishop Garry	Chris Henderson Vivian McKellar
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For those who have died

BettyHomes James Mann Michael Osborn May Pevitt Phyllis Beaton Geoffrey Griffith	Richard Humphries Malcolm Bald Eileen Jennings Phillip Reid Raymond Boxall Iris Duthie	Mavis Slater Leslie Wolf James Malseed Olive Kitchen Heather Dorman
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Lichfield – The Church of England
- All those involved in School Chaplaincy and Industrial Chaplaincy.  
All Christian community schools and Church schools.
- Ballarat & Queen’s Anglican Grammar School:  
Headmaster Adam Heath, Keith Romanis (deacon)
- Nambaiyufa
- Teachers and students

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tea

The Mothers’ Union is again organising a Pancake Tea on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, at 6pm in the Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome and the charge is \$10 per head with Under 12 year old children free. Please put your names on the list at the back of the church by Sunday March 2nd for catering purposes.

### ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be held in our usual shops in the Hub, Hamilton.

This year we are having assistance from the Standing Tall Group of Hamilton- both with the setting up and assistance with the roster.

This lovely co-operation will mean we will have many more hands to help us.

In return they will receive our annual allocation for local funds.

This will continue our commitment to donate all the funds received to:

A local, a National and an International project.

The book Fair will open on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and run to Easter.

We will still need help from our congregation members- in all aspects of the Book Fair.

Setting up will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Please contact Ken Pickett or myself for further details.

Susan M 0408 528 781

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

The response to the bidding:

“Lord of light”... is ... “Hear our prayer”.  
“Lord of light”... **“Hear our prayer”**.

With Christ’s light shining on us, let us pray to God for our own needs, the needs of the church and of the world.

For Christians: that they may be a source of light to a darkened world. For Garry our Bishop and Bishop Scott who assists him.  
*“Lord of light”... “Hear our prayer”*.

For world leaders: that Christ, the light of the world, may turn their minds and hearts to thoughts of peace.  
*“Lord of light”... “Hear our prayer”*.

For those who are imprisoned by bitterness and retribution. that Christ’s light may penetrate their darkness.  
*“Lord of light”... “Hear our prayer”*.

That we may always choose the light of reconciliation and forgiveness.  
*“Lord of light”... “Hear our prayer”*.

For those who choose to enter dark places in order to bring light to others.  
*“Lord of light”... “Hear our prayer”*.

For the soul of Becky Christie.  
“Lord of Light”...”**Hear our prayer”**

God of love and mercy, may we faithfully obey your command to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. We ask this in His name. Amen

**TODAY’S HYMNS**  
**257 186 425 464**

## Here’s a cunning plan for Ash Wednesday March 5th

9:15 am Stations of the Cross

10:00am Holy communion and Imposition of Ashes

7:00pm Mass and Imposition of Ashes

**St Peter’s Glenthompson** will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday March 2nd at 6.30pm. with Evensong Service followed by Harvest Supper and Auction from 7.00pm. Proceeds to the new building..

All donations very welcome via Elisabeth Cuming 0427 774 223

### Lenten Bible Study

Our Bible Study group will reconvene next Tuesday, 25th. February at 7.30 -8.30 pm at Judy Trompf’s place – 260 Kent Road. Fr David will bring the booklets.

We’re starting before Lent because we usually don’t get the studies finished as we prefer not to meet the Tuesday of Holy Week, nor of course on Shrove Tuesday when the Mothers Union are making us all those delicious pancakes. Everyone is most welcome.

### Lenten Studies Booklet

Available in a nifty red booklet at Christ Church Hamilton is the Hope 2025 Lenten studies booklet. Some of you may want to form a little group, others may want to study quietly by themselves. If you can find \$5 to help defray the cost please mark an envelope and put the cash in the envelope and the envelope in the plate if that makes sense.

### Book Fair

**Mothers’ Union members and friends** who are able are invited to gather at the HUB shops 18 and 19 on SATURDAY 1ST MARCH from 9am to sort and place books on the tables and shelves Stay for a short time or for a while. Any help will be gratefully received. Judy P— 0428 712 591