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Fr. David's easy quiz

The word 'angel' has its root in the Latin angelus and the Greek angelos which mean:

- one who is invisible
- life-giving
- messenger
- innocent and cherubic

Fr. David's hard quiz

In St. Luke's Gospel, the Angel Gabriel appears to Mary. To whom else does he appear?

- St. Joseph the carpenter
- The Shepherds
- Zechariah
- St. Elizabeth the Levite

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: From last year's palm crosses

Hard Quiz: Saint Apollonia

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

Of Fr. David's left ear

alas there is wax in this ear and Fr. David may not be attentive as he should. He hopes this will be resolved by the end of the month.
Thank you for your patience.

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia
Sunday, 26th January 2025

Unity in Diversity

'Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves...Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn' (Romans 12:10,15).

We live in a world of aloneness. Family life is so often broken and people who are close will not even speak to each other. I experienced that in my birth family. Our church should be, and usually is, a contrast to this. One of the best things you can do for your health is to belong to a church. But this is so only if the church family loves and cares for each other. One test of this is to look and see how well we care for those who are different and those who are suffering. Some people find that when they go through severe loss, such as the death of a child, their fellow Christians avoid them rather than stand close to them, praying for them and caring for them. One of the chief marks of a real church is the love that prays and cares.

Question: Do I love those in my church who are lonely, suffering, or different?

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many MU members throughout Nigeria. We particularly pray for the diocese of Umuahia and Ijebu. We pray for members in their many activities as they reach out to widows and orphans, to prisons, and to families as they run parenting programs. Bless their times of prayer and sharing your Word. **Amen**

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29th January	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 1st February	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 2nd February	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Judy T	Reader 2: Eileen	Intercessor: Meredith	Sidesmen : Heather & Ian
Eucharist Assistant: Susan			



Anglican Parish of Hamilton Third Sunday After Epiphany 26th January 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 4.18

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.'

Collect

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. We bless you for our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope, Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all. Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 8.5-6, 8.8-10

¹ all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
2. **One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**
3. There is no speech or language: nor are

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their voices heard;

4. **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**
5. There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
6. **Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
8. **The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
10. **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**
11. Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. **Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**
13. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
14. **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12.12-31

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with

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Next week's homily

Three cheers for the old fogeys.

whinge about our pollies, we vote 'em in, and we chuck em out and after voting together we share a democracy sausage and just get on with it.

But of course, I haven't completely answered the nagging question. Where is home? Even the family home, the property, or the suburban house will not be our 'forever home'. The reality is that it is a passing shell where memories of laughter and tears, boredom and high spirits are fermented and formatted over the years. A starting point for the answer might be from today's gospel.

"Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom".

The place where we are brought up will always be potent for us. For some it is the place of great misery and suffering. For others it bestirs fond memories and a sense of gratitude, but these places are also transient and fleeting. The farmhouse at Sheep-hills where I grew up, is no longer standing.

Rather, it is our spiritual home that is truly enduring through all ages. It might be a synagogue as it was for Our Lord and is now for our Jewish brothers and sisters. It might be this church where we encounter the presence of the one who still speaks to us through the scriptures and sacrament just as surely as he did all those years ago. Or maybe it is that moment where we sense we are at table with Him, with other disciples and angels. Perhaps our true home is not a geographical place, but the spiritual home where we belong which is why at funerals we do not send our loved ones away from us, but rather we send them to that place which is their true home and therefore our true home.

It is there that we truly find each other. It is there that we find home. Ultimately We find our enduring Home simply in Him.

How to find....

1. Confirmation candidates. Keep an eye out for these folk. They can be of any age. You may approach them or maybe just slip your parish priest their contact details for him to approach them
2. Palm crosses. Often found on a fridge, notice board, in a prayer book

Dates for your shiny new diary...

- Glenthompson Harvest Festival March 2nd at 6.30pm
- Ash Wednesday March 5th Service times are 10.00am and 7.00pm at Christ Church Hamilton
- Concert March 22nd at 2.00pm. Starring Joshua Walker
- Lady day March 25th
- Easter day April 20th
- Parish Fete November 8th

Mothers' Union Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd February at 1.30pm in the Canon Julien Centre.

Please remember to bring your membership fee to pay Linley or catch up with her asap.

Bring along your ideas for what we can do this year.

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.

Today's Homily

Where is home?

Today's story begins in 1981. I am visiting England for the very first time and somehow this naive country boy had not only managed to navigate Heathrow airport, the London spaghetti of railway lines, but also the regional rail service all the way up to a place called Malvern Link.

I'm going there for two reasons. First, because I have a great uncle living there who I had met only once before. Secondly because my Father grew up in this region. He had spoken fondly of this area, especially the Malvern Hills and I wanted to see what all the fuss was about. It had been snowing heavily on the way up and the train trip was frustrating and tedious. I arrived when it was dark and knocked on a door. The thought that I might have got it wrong had never occurred to me. The angels and St. Christopher must have been working overtime on this journey, because the door opened and Hey Presto, there was my great uncle who ushered me in with an effusive grin, a gregarious hug (well gregarious for an English gentleman), and a nice pot of tea by the fire.

The next day I set off to visit the Malvern Hills and what struck me most powerfully was not the picturesque snow, nor the exhilaration of tobogganing, nor the crisp temperature, but the almost palpable sense of connection and homecoming. Even now as I write / read this, the potency of this moving experience stirs a physical ache and a deep emotional longing. Remember please that I had never set foot in England before. So what was it that stirred me so? And it is not just me; there are others who will tell you of a similar experience. They have gone to a place for

the very first time and it is as if they have known it all their life and belonged there. Those who dabble in understanding how our minds and emotions work can posit many theories and while I do not wish to diminish their fine work and the plausibility of their reasoning, I would layer over the top of their research that there is something extra, a spiritual dimension that cannot be explained away with the maths and science in the research laboratory. For me this 'something extra' is the attractive and delicious part, purely because it is mysterious, alluring and inexplicable. Give me a taunting, intoxicating, almost rational... but not quite, experience any day.

It wasn't until much later when I was allowing the experience of the Malvern Hills to be stirred and marinated with the ingredients of time and distance, that a confronting, uninvited question popped up.

Where is home?

I'd always assumed that home was where I laid my head at night, but that's not entirely true. On my travels I've put my head down in some pretty wacky and weird places, but not all I would call home.

Perhaps a better answer might be where our loved ones are, or where collected memories have been made, or there are pictures of loved places and people around us.

On this Australia Day there is also a sense in which we celebrate our nation as home. It's a mighty big home with all sorts of quirks and joys and conundrums. We must never forget what an undeserved privilege it is to live here.

The quickest glimpse of our brothers and sisters overseas, their troubles, particularly their political argy bargy, should pull us up short and make us fall to our knees in gratitude for where we live and the way we live. While we might have the odd

Christ.¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be?²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body.²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member,²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the poor. and to proclaim release to the captives'

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4.14-21

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

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.

¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,

¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.'

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

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

Warrick Willows—Priest Frances Pitman Eva Button Fredrick Richardson Clarice Carter	Clifford Manson Clarence Coon Mabel Hinchcliffe Obed Welsh Freda Lyon	Kenneth Bloom Gladys Annett Agnes Nolte Mary Earl
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Bishop-in-Council
- The Diocesan Ministry Development Committee: Robyn Shackell
- Taraka
Chaplain AAHS
- Those going through marriage breakdown.
The family court.

Did you know?

There is a lot of information on our parish website:
www.hamiltonanglican.org.au

and our parish facebook: [facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton](https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton)
(these addresses can be found on the front of our pew sheets)

You can read Fr David's down to earth homilies
(even leave a comment about them).

If you don't have the technology to have a look maybe just ask a
young person, like a grandchild .

Also our Diocesan website: ballaratanglican.org.au
is a good place to find information.

TODAY'S HYMNS
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Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
"For them" ... is ... "We give you
thanks"

For them ... **We give you thanks**

God of all peoples, Lord of the jour-
ney who always walk with us, in this
land you have blessed us with the first
inhabitants of the land who have
loved it through the ages:

For them ... We give you thanks

You have blessed us in the settlers
who made this land their home, and
forged a nation with their toil:

For them ... We give you thanks

You have blessed us in the many peo-
ples of different languages and cul-
tures who have found a new home
here:

For them ... We give you thanks

We ask that you make a home among
us, so that justice and truth may flour-
ish here and all Australians may walk
together into the future you are pre-
paring: for that we give you thanks.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Anyone can contribute to this. Diocesan Anniversary Year

As part of our anniversary celebrations
this year, the MDC plans to produce a
booklet (Looking Back, Moving For-
ward) that celebrates some of the faith-
ful heroes of our diocese, and that looks
forward to our vision for the future.

We therefore invite each parish to
provide at least two stories (one lay and
one cleric) of people who have been
significant in the development of their
church and people.

We would also like something about
your vision or hope for the future. As
we plan that every parish will be in-
cluded in this booklet we ask that you
limit your contributions to around 300
words for each story.

We would like to receive these stories
by the end of April, so it is important
that you begin discussions with your
people as soon as possible.

Submissions and enquiries:
rdshackell@gmail.com

Wishing you every blessing,
Robyn Shackell and the Ministry De-
velopment Committee.

Jeanine and Fr. David will be on annual leave from early in the morning
of Monday 10th of February till bedtime 17th of February. During this time
the parish of Warrnambool will be on standby in case of calamity. You can
phone them on 5561 1687.

Fr. Thomas Edyll will be saying the masses on the weekend of 15th and
16th and Deacon Jannie will celebrate the liturgy at St. Mary's Dunkeld on
Sunday 16th of February. We heartily thank them in anticipation. Enjoy!