

**dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

**Fr. David's easy quiz**

The services on Ash Wednesday this week are open to

- Only those who have been baptised
  - Only those who are Anglican
  - Only those who are Confirmed
- Anyone of any faith or no faith at all.

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

The two Old Testament prophets who appeared on the Mount of the Transfiguration are

- Daniel and Moses
- Jehu and Issac
- Moses and Elijah
- Aaron and Jacob.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: 153  
Hard Quiz: Zechariah

**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

**Unfortunately the pipe organ concert has had to be cancelled.**

If you have paid \$\$ please ask for a full refund.  
Apologies all round

| SERVICES THIS WEEK  |                        |                         |  |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 5th March | Holy Communion 10.00am | Christ Church Hamilton  |  |
| Saturday 8th March  | Vigil 6.00pm           | Christ Church Hamilton  |  |
| Sunday 9th March    | Eucharist 9.00am       | St Peter's Glenthompson |  |
|                     | Eucharist 10.30am      | Christ Church Hamilton  |  |

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| Reader 1: Lofty            | Reader 2: Tai | Intercessor: Heather | Sidesmen : Judy T & Sue |
| Eucharist Assistant: Susan |               |                      |                         |

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia  
Sunday March 2nd 2025

**'The Power of Love'**

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love' (1 John 4:8)  
We all know that being loved is a transformative experience – if we accept the love that is offered. An effect of it is that we ourselves love in return and we are never the same. One of the greatest revelations of the Bible is that the one Almighty God who made heaven and earth and rules over all things, the God who is just, holy and good, is the God who is love. Like his justice, holiness and goodness, love is of his very essence. In fact, all these things belong together and are not in tension at all. Before all ages, the Father loves the Son and the Spirit and in the same way, the Son loves and the Spirit loves. God is love. What a powerful truth!

*Question for thought: Do I love?*

Almighty Lord, we are overwhelmed when we think of the millions of people in India who do not know you. We pray this week for members in the diocese of Kerala in South India that as they care for families and those in need you will guide them in sharing the hope that Jesus gives us. We also pray for our members in Grafton Diocese in NSW, as they serve you and encourage each other in their walk with you. **Amen.**



**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**  
**Last Sunday After Epiphany—Transfiguration**  
**2nd March 2025**

**WELCOME**

Sentence: John 1.14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Collect*

O God, glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face to those who seek you with a sincere heart: strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross, and open our hearts to its transforming power, so that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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   |                                |                            |                              |
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| <b>St Mary's Dunkeld</b> | <b>St Peter's Glenthompson</b> | <b>St Mark's Cavendish</b> | <b>All Saints' Penshurst</b> |

*Ist Reading:* Exodus 34.29-35

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

*Psalm 99*

1. The Lord is king, let the nations tremble: he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.
2. **The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.**

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3. Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.
4. **The Mighty One is king and loves justice: you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.**
5. O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
6. **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.**
7. He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud: they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.
8. **You answered them, O Lord our God: you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.**
9. O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

*Second Reading:*

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is

In the midst of the crowd a surly gentleman yells out that his son is possessed by a ferocious demon. The inference is 'And what are you going to do about it?' Further the complainant goes on to point out that the disciples have had a crack at exorcism and failed so it's all their fault. And even more than that, 'If you'd only taught them properly in exorcism 101 in the first place, then we wouldn't be having this discussion.

Jesus is enthusiastically irritated by all this and makes his feelings known. 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you?' And then swiftly goes on to foretell his own suffering and death.

So the point is that the bump back down to earth can be pretty jolly brutal and bruising. Sorry, but that's just the way it is and we ought not to be surprised that after our own little transfigurations when we are tender and vulnerable, we find ourselves a little battered and damaged.

But remember... the message of the miracle is that it points beyond itself to those moments when we have come down from the mountain with a plop and a cumbersome kerthunk. Perhaps when we collectively share our memories of the times when we were bruised and when we wept, we will open our eyes and find just him who was with us on the mount. Him who wept with us and was bruised out of love for us. It was always Him, no matter where we are or where we were. Chelmsford cathedral, our altar today and the place where we learnt with great joy, that actually, we never needed a tent anyway.

**Next week's homily**

Judas writes to Jesus

**The homilies** this Lent are offered in 'letter style.' Sit back, relax and savour.

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**Mothers' Union**

Our next meeting is on Monday March 3rd at 1.30pm in the Canon Julian Centre. Among other things we will finalise plans for our Pancake Tea.

**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

**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.

**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

### Who needs a tent anyway?

This morning's story comes to you fresh from Chelmsford Cathedral in the year 2013. Jeanine and I are on a parish exchange and I am undeservedly privileged to attend the diocesan Synod.

There are literally several hundred of us, in a gorgeously appointed cathedral singing as though our lives depended on it. The organ is doing thrilling, inspiring and exquisite things and while the exact details of the Synod are lost to me now, this experience of worship is as moving and real as it was then. Perhaps it is more so now as somehow the years have not diminished the intensity of the memory but rather sweetened and intensified it. And there are times here in 2025 when... if I close my eyes ... I am there. The music is ringing in my ears and the people I was with are just as close as you are now.

A miracle perhaps, but when we are with God, we are in the dimension of all eternity and any place, any time is accessible as it is enjoyable and relivable.

Now you could very easily question like this. Well Fr. David, clearly Chelmsford was all sweetness and light and rainbows, unicorns, lightning and electric, but what did it actually achieve? A cure for cancer, world peace?

In my Chelmsford transfiguration and the disciples transfiguration, nothing much seems to be accomplished. No one is fed, no-one is taught, no one is healed, no-one is raised from the dead. No nasty spirits are cast out. So what was the point?

My thinking is this. That the aim of the miracle is to point beyond itself. The trek up the mountain and the trek down the mountain are just as important as what happens on the mountain, with all its high jinks of cloud, tents, voices and dazzling white clothes. The whinge, the sighing,

the monotony, the dullness and the 'Are we there yet?' together with the trek going down are integral and indispensable parts of the miracle. If you like, the two slices of ordinary plain white bread are just as important as the honey leg ham and thinly cut tomatoes in the middle. You need all three components to make it a real sandwich, a real miracle.

Now there are two important things that happen after the mountain top experience. First, there would inevitably have been some retelling and reliving of the transfiguration experience. There would have been conversations which began with...

"Do you remember the time when we trudged all the way up that wretched mountain and..."

Something quite spectacular happens when a common memory is shared. It is re-lived and in the process of it being evoked, it becomes just as fresh and enjoyable and as lovely as when it first happened.

The word "remembrance" that The Master uses at the last supper is actually much more than a historical recollection of events. It actually means to enter into the experience and live it afresh and and live it again.

We sort of sense this sometimes when we gather at the altar and we know that we are not alone, but are in act with angels and archangels, Peter, James and John, Moses and Elijah, even those who were at Chelmsford Cathedral in 2013. We are with our brothers and sisters who are yet to be born and all those who have gone before us.. All time and space. No thing and no one is off limits in that dimension of the divine.

Secondly, Luke tells what happens the very next day they come down from the mountain and it's not attractive.

Jesus and three musketeers are immediately confronted by a great crowd. No easing gently back into it.

read, a veil lies over their minds;<sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.<sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.<sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia! alleluia.**

This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!

**R. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

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**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.<sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became daz-

zling white.<sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.<sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.<sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.<sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said.<sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.<sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**12 FEET NEEDED, ANY AGE,  
ANY SIZE, ANY SHAPE**

Holy Thursday this year falls on April 17th. The Liturgy of the day begins at 7:30pm. We need 12 people to have a foot washed. Please sign up at the back of Christ Church Hamilton. Places are limited.

**So there's this thing called  
daylight saving right.**

It begins in the wee hours of Sunday April 6th. This means that... The Saturday night Vigil mass on Saturday 12th will be at 5pm

## For your Prayers this week

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

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

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| Donald Richardson<br>Carol Sherlock<br>Jean Whiting<br>Emily Rowe<br>Margaret Claridge<br>Geoffrey Griffiths<br>Harold Fox<br>Winifred Kavanagh | James Malseed<br>John Salter<br>Ruth Killen<br>Molly Wilson<br>Rosalind Gaussen<br>Norma Bett<br>Henry Young<br>Dennis Holmes | Samuel Young<br>Robert Reid<br>Clive Adamson<br>Leslie Wolf<br>Celic McGregor<br>Heather Dormas |
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Kyoto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Adelaide: Geoff Smith, Tim Harris, Chris McLeod and Sophie Relf-Christopher Australian Defence Forces.
- The Cathedral: Michael Davies, + Mark Burton, Mark Garner, Grant Bullen, (assisting), Br Neil Salan OP(A), Anne McKenna and Wayne Sheean.
- Those suffering through the abuse of gambling.

### 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

Thank-you to all who assisted in the setting up of this year's Book Fair on Friday and Saturday. Many hands made light work of the mammoth task. Books will continue to be sorted and set in place until The Grand Opening on Tuesday 11th March at 10am. .. and the Fair will continue through to Wednesday the 16th April. The Roster will be at the Book Fair - please drop in and pop your name on- it is a great way to meet old and new friends. Previous and new volunteers are most welcomed and appreciated. Any enquiries to : Susan Mason 0408528781.

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

The response to the bidding:  
'Radiant Christ' is ...  
'Transfigure us today'

Radiant Christ ... **Transfigure us today**

We ache for a world that is transformed by the life and love of God. Therefore we bring him our needs and the needs of the world. That the Holy Spirit may continue to guide the Church in truth, and her light may shine more brightly in the world.

Radiant Christ ... **Transfigure us today**

Heavenly Father, you catch us off guard and expose our weakness. We give you thanks for the surprises you will send us this week. Gift us with strong faith, that our words will be filled with wisdom to lead many to know Jesus.

Radiant Christ ... **Transfigure us today**

We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness. We ask that world leaders may seek the counsel of God and trust in his ways as they govern their people in the ways of harmony, peace and reconciliation.

Radiant Christ ... **Transfigure us today**

We seek to stay on the mountain or in a comfortable place while you walk into the valleys of need.

Help us to seek out those who are most vulnerable and cannot care for themselves.

Radiant Christ ... **Transfigure us today**

That those who have died may see God face to face and share in the glory of the transfiguration,

Radiant Christ ... **Transfigure us today**

Heavenly Father, fill us with light and courage to carry good news into all the corners of the world and to bring back the joy of your presence.  
Amen

## 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, 4th March at 7.30 -8.30 pm. 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

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
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