

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

How many times does Jesus fall in the stations of the cross?

- Once
- Twice
- Thrice
- 5 times
- actually we're not told

Fr. David's hard quiz

Where was the first ever passover celebrated?

- Bethlehem
- Jerusalem
- Egypt
- Nazareth

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: St Patrick

Hard Quiz: Actually we're not told

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

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia
Sunday March 23rd 2025

The Power of Love

'Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another' (1 John 4:11)
One of the marks of a true church, one in which God is present by his Spirit, is the love believers have for one another. Over the years I have seen some wonderful examples of this – lonely people befriended, grieving people comforted, struggling people supported, forgiveness offered and accepted. Of course it is not always the case. We fail to love as we should. But we know that the love between us is one of the marks of the church and that it should extend to all our brothers and sisters, even if they are different from us in race or background or resources. And all this stems from the fact that we have been loved, unworthy as we are.

Question for thought: How do I love my fellow believers?

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the stability in Ghana and pray this week for the members in the Diocese of Koforidua, as they support the local needs of the community and provide care for those in need. We pray for Brisbane Diocese and Jenny Bullock, the President and thank you for its enthusiastic members and ask that they will continue to serve and reach out to their communities in your name. **Amen**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Third Sunday In Lent

23rd March 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Isaiah 55.9

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord.

Collect

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Even if you miss coming you are still giving. This also helps with budgeting for our future.

SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Wednesday 26th March	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 29th March	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 30th March	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish	
	Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton	
	Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mary's Dunkeld	

Reader 1: Gladys	Reader 2: Linley	Intercessor: Robyn	Sidesmen : Sue & Gavin
Eucharist Assistant: Jannie			

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

Ist Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 63.1-9

1. O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.

2. **My soul thirsts for you, my flesh**

2 **longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**

3. So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary: and saw your power and your glory.

4. **For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you.**

5. And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high.

6. **My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**

7. When I remember you upon my bed: when I meditate upon you in the night watches,

8. **How you have been my helper: then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**

9. Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test,

7 I had let my emotions manipulate me. My unreciprocated attraction to Margarita and my theological angst toward you. I was not in control of these things. I was at their mercy, slave to their every whim.

Somehow you knew all this. You knew exactly what to say and the way to say it. Gently, calmly, in a measured voice but again with that dastardly unmistakable compassion. What is more, you knew that I needed to hear these words and obviously I have never forgotten them.

I said at the start of this letter that you did know me, but it turns out you did. You may not have known my name or where I lived, but you knew me in ways that no one else ever had. You saw straight through me. You knew my every flaw and wrinkle. Every rough edge and every chip on my shoulder.

You knew me... You know me. You know me very well indeed. Better than I know myself.

So I dropped my stone and went away fizzing with irritation and humiliation. I just had to write to you and tell you.

Oh, one last thing. I wonder ...what if it was you personally, that was on trial before the crowds?

Would you be so forgiving if someone flogged you, spat upon you, mocked you, denied you, betrayed you; drove some nails through your body and pinned you to the wood. What then? Would you cry out for retaliation, revenge and retribution? Or would you pray 'Father Forgive'?

Just a question

Yours in the disorientation of my very different dimension.

Jehu

Teacher and quarryman.

Next week's homily

Of Mother and Son

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

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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

Important Information-

On Sunday April 6th after the 10.30am Eucharist, Sherridan Yates will be conducting a discussion and information session on Advance Care Planning. All are welcome to attend this pertinent topic. Bring your questions. Bring a friend.

Mothering Sunday this year falls on Sunday March 30th. A day to give Thanks for Mother Mary, Mother church and our own mothers. Maybe there will be Simnel cake.

Polishing Brass

For those who are a dab hand at polishing brass and enjoy convivial conversation; Please come along to Christ Church Hamilton on Saturday 19th of April at 9:00am and help to make the Church bright and shiny for Easter.

Today's Homily

Jehu, The guy with the really big stone

Dear Jesus,
You don't me but I sure as hec know you. I was one of the people who was responsible for all the ruckus last week. However, it wasn't all my idea.

Silas and I knew each other well. I'm a Pharisee and Silas is a teacher of the law and we both have a bit of a thing for Margarita. She was comely and attractive with those dark eyes and winning smile. We would see her at the market and our overtures were always met with a disappointing but firm declining of our advances. It drove us nuts.

So we dreamt up this plan. As a Pharisee and a teacher we had heard about you. How forgiving and patient and understanding you always were. A faithful, practicing rabbi but somehow different. A bit out there. You drove us nuts in quite a different way. Just when we thought we understood you, you warped our minds and lives with a new saying, a new teaching, a new challenge. Were you for us or agin us? We could never work it out. So one night after a few wines, Silas and I hatched a cunning plan.

We knew that pretty Margarita always went down to the cellar on market day to collect the herbs and olives ready for the customers. Silas would follow her in and if she didn't see his point of view, then a bit of torn clothing, a bit of shouting and distress and he would bring her in front of you claiming adultery. My job was to round up the crowds and bring them along for the spectacle.

So it was, at the appointed day, at the appointed time everything aligned. You were in town, Margarita had gone down into the cellar and I was hanging out with a few other teachers. The signal was given and it all unfolded. The crowd quickly

gathered. Silas dragged a dishevelled, protesting, struggling Margarita before everyone and made the accusation. Not necessarily towards Margarita but to you. His words were smooth and articulate.

"Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

All of us had picked up filthy great rocks and we were set to stone her. I could feel the comfortable weight in my hand and I was determined that I was going to be first.

You were composed and unfazed by the shouting around you. You met our noise and question with your silence.

It was obvious that you could see the trap. If you said 'Yes, stone her', then your reputation of compassion and forgiveness was out the window and down the drain. If you said 'Forgive her', then you were clearly in breach of the faith that had been handed down and your license as rabbi would be revoked by the Professional Standards Board.

But you said... nothing. At least not to start with. You just bent down and doo-dled in the dust. What the hec?

We kept up with our questions louder and louder and then you rose and looked at us. I felt like you were looking straight at me and I prickled. The hairs on the back of my neck stood up. It was as if you knew everything about me.

And then you said it.

"Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

And then you just bent down and started to scratch around in the dust again. Just left us to our own thoughts. Left us to work it out for ourselves.

The old codgers were first to drop their rock and walk away, but it took me a while.

as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13.1-9

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?'³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?'⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all

perish just as they did.'⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.'⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it.⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"'

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		
Beatrix Bishop Garry	Chris Henderson Vivian McKellar	
For those who have died		
Norval Tatlock Amelia Barnsley Ethel Gibbins Ida Hayes Jean Grimes Clarence Smith	Robert Flowers Doris Ellie Ethel Barker Isabella Pitman Richard Steveson Albert Gulbin	Frank Cammidge Stella Bayley Alexander Matheson Lionel Winfield Lorna Preece
For the wider Church and its ministry		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America • 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 		

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The Grand Opening was 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.

**TODAY'S HYMNS
583 376 527 466**

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
“Jesus, son of David ...is ... “Have mercy on us”

Jesus, son of David ... **Have mercy on us.**

Our Lord’s body was punctured out of love for us. Let us bring our wounds and petitions before God, so that His will may be done. For the Church, the injured Body of Christ. For Garry our Bishop leading our diocese and Bishop Scott who assists him. We pray for the parish of St. Matthew’s Wendouree. For Fr. Dennis serving God’s people there
*Jesus, son of David ... **Have mercy on us.***

For those who have suffered laceration at the hands of others and who are distressed because of indifference, neglect and prejudice.
*Jesus, son of David ... **Have mercy on us.***

For those on death row awaiting capital punishment.
*Jesus, son of David ... **Have mercy on us.***

For those who have been diagnosed with terminal illness and for their families and friends. For those who have imparted this news.
*Jesus, son of David ... **Have mercy on us.***

That our departed loved ones may enjoy the company of all the saints where all suffering is healed and every tear is wiped away especially the recently departed.....
*Jesus, son of David ... **Have mercy on us.***

Holy and loving Father, you come especially close to us when we are bruised and in anguish. Sanctify our prayers and wounds, that they may become tokens of love and resilience. We ask this in the name of the One who was pierced for us. Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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