

## dNews

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### Fr. David's easy quiz

The Paschal triduum includes Good Friday, Easter day and

- Palm Sunday
- Holy Thursday
- Holy Monday
- Mothering Sunday

### Fr. David's hard quiz

The Thursday before Easter Day is called

- Footwashing Thursday
- Maundy Thursday
- Holy Eucharist Thursday
- Holy Week Thursday

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Elizabeth

Hard Quiz: Laetare

### 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 6th April 2025

### The Greatest Love

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16).

Jesus once said 'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13). Of course, he said this on the night of his arrest and the eve of his execution. Whatever the motive of his enemies and whatever the weakness of his friends, he was steadfast. He, who did not have to enter the world, who did not have to live among us, who did not have to feel the pain of betrayal, rejection and death by crucifixion, was driven by love. This was not the ephemeral love of attraction. It was the love which gave up all. And it was the love which shook the world and changed the world forever. God is love.

*Question for thought:*

*Am I loved? How do I know?*

Gracious Lord, we pray for members in the Diocese of Christchurch, New Zealand as they support marriage and family life through helping teenage mothers, providing care for children facing difficulties and share your love for them in Jesus' name. We also give thanks for the fellowship in the Diocese of Perth and pray for branches as they meet and support families in their churches. **Amen**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 9th April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 12th April	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 13th April	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Pewter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Sam	Reader 2: Eileen	Intercessor: Meredith	Sidesmen : Sandra & John
Eucharist Assistant: Susan			



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton

### Fifth Sunday In Lent

### 6th April 2025

# WELCOME

Sentence: Psalm 126.6

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

*Collect*

O God, the Redeemer of all who trust in you: heed the cry of your people, and deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

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*1st Reading:* Isaiah 43.16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear the word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

*Psalms 126*

1. When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: then were we like those restored to life.
2. **Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.**
3. Then said they among the heathen: 'The Lord has done great things for them.'
4. **Truly the Lord has done great things for us: and therefore we rejoiced.**
5. Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: as the streams return to the dry south.

6. **Those who sow in tears: shall reap with songs of joy.**
7. They that go out weeping, bearing the seed: shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

*Second Reading:* Philippians 3.3-14

<sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ

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for me simply to enjoy you. It was never a business transaction. I do the right thing and you give me a treat. What you wanted, what you longed for was always relationship. This is what you wanted all along and it took me far too long to catch on and to catch up.  
Well, all is a bit of a garbled rant. I found some words from someone else and they sum up far better what I, Peter, am trying to say to you.

Lord,  
when I am puffed up with myself,  
Gilded  
Over-egged  
Full of self importance  
And empty of grace;  
When I would rather shrink your vision to the limits of my own imagining, than rise to praise the new horizons you have made;  
When I would rather cobble together hasty platitudes and suffocate others with palaver, than say the hard things graciously.  
When I would rather cast doubts on the hurried solutions that I cobble together and make excuses for my faults.  
Then, ... look at me again with love,  
Pierce the armour of my pride,  
Stay the hand of my hasty activity, and bid me to put down my impetus sword.  
See inside me.  
Believe in me  
And help me start again.

### Next week's homily

Dear Rupert

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**There is another Paul Hogan**  
and he is the new Anglican 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-

Today 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.

### 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.

### MU Meeting and Induction

Today there will be an induction of new members at the 10.30am Eucharist and a blessing of a stole for our deacon and MU member, Jannie Ryan.

## Today's Homily

### Peter's to Jesus

Dear Jesus,  
I guess if I had to give this letter a tagline it would be

It was what you wanted... wasn't it?

You see I have to ask because I was never quite sure and I am even less certain now. Offering your cheek to Judas seemed such a little but enormous, and irreversible act. Once you were arrested and taken away there was no turning back. Nothing could now ever be the same again.

I wanted to shout out after you. "No. Are you sure this is what you wanted?" Because in my heart it is never what I wanted.

And perhaps I wanted all the wrong things. To be the leader, to be the rock, to be the bobby dazzler, the protector, the cutter off of ears, and to be loyal unto death. I never wanted to deny or betray. I wanted you to have a regal Throne. I wanted you to have a golden crown but you wanted something else instead. A splintery cross and a crown of thorns. I wanted the crowds to demand your coronation not your crucifixion.

You tried gently, valiantly, patiently to tell me.

You clearly spelt it out that I would deny you no less than three times and I was left indignant. I would never do such a thing. You have read me wrong if you think I would let you down.

But of course that is just what I did. Within the space of a few hours on that dark and chilly night, I repeatedly denied ever knowing you.

"I don't know him. I don't what you are talking about, I am not one of them"

And perhaps I wasn't ever. I certainly don't feel as though I am worthy to be-

long to you and the crew. And then you turned and looked at me. The look that I can still see. Some might think it was anger and disappointment. I saw only your love and forgiveness and that is why I went out and sobbed and sobbed... and sobbed. I was inconsolable for you knew me and loved me even when, especially when.

You literally looked right through me. Saw everything that was there, everything that was lacking and still wanted me. And when you know you are loved like that, then it is easy to want the things that the other wants.

So in that look, just after the rooster crowed, your eyes told me that this was indeed what you wanted and it would help all those who squirmed when confronted by the truth and found that the truth gave them indigestion. The things I wanted for you, were not the things you wanted at all. There were other things you wanted, that you needed. Other things that simply had to be. That needed to be. Spear and nails and wood and myrrh and blood and tears and a stranger's tomb. Mocking and spit and belting and bruises.

These are the things that you wanted, that you chose, and somehow I have to want them too, even though I writhe away in horror and disgust. These are what you wanted because they are the only things where we can find authenticity, truth and undeniable love.

So I come back to my question.

It was what you wanted... wasn't it... well wasn't it?? All this?

And even as I mutter these words I sense that once again I am seeking your approval, a pat on the head, self congratulations. To do the right thing so that you will love me. Almost like a boisterous young panting puppy dog ... did I get it right huh... huh?

This is not what you wanted. It is not what you wanted for me. What you wanted was

Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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

You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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

The Holy Gospel: John 12.1-8

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**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' <sup>6</sup>

(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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	
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For those who have died

Errol Jenkins Herbert Booker Estelle McComb James Charman Thomas Schimells Gertrude Morgan	Joyce Wood Collin Nichol Valerie Clarke Francis Young G.A.C. Innes –Priest Mary Middleton	Joan Henderson Gertrude Hooper Sandra Duncan Max Marshall Keith Ezard Caren Lovett
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- Brisbane: Abp Jeremy Greaves, Assistants: Cameron Venables, John Roundhill and Sarah Plowman
- Bunbury: Ian Coutts
- St John's Ballarat: Chris Keast.  
Licensed Lay Ministers.
- Fikombaro
- Parents, children & health care workers affected by abortion.  
All involved in nuclear non-proliferation

### 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**  
**408 731 174 307**

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

Response to the bidding.:

In faith in you.....is.....we become a new creation.

In faith in you.....**we become a new creation.**

We pray for the body of Christ the people of God who need the Guidance and God's spirit in their lives.

*In faith in you.....we become a new creation.*

Pray for the people of the world. Where there is injustice let there be love. That we all share in the resources of the world. One free of discrimination and injustice.

*In faith in you.....we become a new creation.*

We pray for those who need a healing in their body, mind and spirit. Especially those known to us at this time. For our clergy. For Bishop Garry and Bishop Scott. Father David.

*In faith in you.....we become a new creation.*

We thank God that when he parted the sea to dry land, we left our old ways behind.

*In faith in you.....we become a new creation.*

That you God enter our lives as sweet perfume, a fragrant offering carried into the worldly hands that care, hearts that love and lives that serve.

**Did you hear that...** on Sunday April 13th mass at Christ Church Hamilton begins in the hall.

**They are a lovely yellow color** and tell you about all the Holy Week and Easter times. They come in a handy fridge size or bedroom poster size. Make sure you get yours today.

### The Ecumencial Walk of Witness

is on again on Good Friday 18th of April at 11am starting at PAC Brown Street. All people of all faiths are welcome.

### Not going away over the Easter Break?

You are then eligible to audition and claim one of the many starring roles over Holy Week and Easter. Such pivotal roles include Pilate, Soldier, Readers and Sides-people. Sign up quickly for your chance to elevate your profile.

### St Peters Glenthompson cake stall and barbeque

Whacko! a cake stall and BBQ outside "The Naughty Corner" in Glenthompson on Saturday 19th April between 8:30a.m -- 4.pm

So if your thinking of coming to the stall come in the afternoon and then stay a little longer and join us in the Easter Vigil at 5.00p.m.

We welcome you warmly to celebrate our Easter service complete with Easter eggs and a glass of wine afterwards.

