

## dNews

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### Fr. David's easy quiz

Discounting his time as school chaplain but including this parish of Hamilton Fr. David has served in how many parishes

- 4
- 3
- 8
- 6

### Fr. David's hard quiz

The patron saint of urologists is

- Saint Eusebius
- Saint Liborius
- Saint Alphonsus
- St. Bonaventure

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Hamilton

Hard Quiz: Chicago

### 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 1st June 2025

### Ascension of Christ

'For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death' (1 Corinthians 15:25-26). Coming between Easter and Pentecost, the Ascension does not seem very important. But think about it! We remember that it was the moment that he left his disciples. But in fact he did not leave. The Ascension celebrates not so much the departure of Jesus as his enthronement. At the heart of our Christian message we say, 'Jesus Christ is Lord'. Not luck, nature, not human power, but Jesus reigns, putting his enemies, notably the Evil One, down. And the most wonderful news is that he defeats death, the last enemy. We do not need to fear. Jesus is in charge.

*Question for thought:*

*Do I think of Jesus as Lord? Am I glad?*

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the Diocese of Madhya Kerala in India which works under the Women's Fellowship of Mother India. Guide them as they help women both spiritually and in secular fields especially as they support the elderly, provide respite care for the physically and mentally challenged girls and care for those working in the Tabitha Tailoring Centre. **Amen.**



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton

### Seventh Sunday Of Easter

1st June 2025

# WELCOME



Sentence: Acts 16.31

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.

*Collect*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Parish Directory

Parish Website: [www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)  
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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 4th June	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 7th June	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 8th June	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton	

Reader 1: Sue	Reader 2: Jannie	Intercessor: Judy T	Sidesmen : Linley & Denise
Eucharist Assistant: Susan			

### Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

<sup>16</sup> One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' <sup>31</sup> They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He

brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 97*

1. The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.
2. **Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
3. Fire goes before him: and burns up his enemies on every side.
4. **His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.**
5. The mountains melt like wax before his face: from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
6. **The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: and all peoples have seen his glory.**
7. They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings: all gods bow down before him.
8. **Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of your judgements, O God.**
9. For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.
10. **The Lord loves those that hate evil: the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**
11. Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.
12. **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.**

*Second Reading:*  
Revelation 22.12-22

<sup>12</sup> 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>3</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the

"I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me."

And when we try to achieve this unity with God and with each other, then we become witnesses to Him. Then the world knows and thinks... Ah .. Look at how they behave one towards another. I'll have some of that. Then God's glory is revealed to a world that has an unrelenting hunger and thirst for peace, for harmony and for reconciliation.

I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

This is our high, noble and essential vocation and while it might sound easy and luscious, it's not and we fall short in sorts of ways.

For example, we share the three fold order of ministry, (bishops, priests and deacons) with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters and yet after 4 centuries we somehow still can't quite get our stuff together. The outside world, who looks at our divisions, is right to call us out and ask us if we really do love each other.

Perhaps a good starting point towards reconciliation is to understand that very good news that I mentioned earlier.

The incredible relationship between the Father and the Son is the same relationship God longs to have with us which is the same relationship we are to have one with another. Now how good would it be if ....

**Next week's homily**

Jesus, the scandal...and miracle of Pentecost.

**It's not too early to think about** who you would like on your Parish Council and your Parish Nominators.

**Bible study at Glenthompson.**

Thursday evenings 4th, 11th and 18th of June at Elisabeth Cumings home, 'Sterling' Fishers Lane Glenthompson at 7:00pm. All are very Welcome

**Anglicare would welcome**

Shampoo and conditioner and warm blankets (second hand or new, wool or polar fleece style) are needed. And any canned soups, long life milk, spreads, cereal etc are always welcome. The Drop In Centre will get more requests for sleeping bags now it is getting chilly over-night – second hand are fine

**MU Lunch Meeting- Monday 2nd June**

- 12 noon at the Botanical Motel
- Partners and friends welcome
- Please RSVP to Judy Pickett by May 31st

**Sesame street today is brought to you by the letter J**

A key complete with a keyring with the letter J has been handed in. It was found in Christ Church car park. Is it yours? Please see Fr. David

**Some Fete dates for your diary.**

The Fete itself is the Saturday after the Melbourne cup. This year it is the **9th of November.**

Everyone and their ideas are welcome to a Super Dooper planning meeting on **Saturday 5th of July at the Parish Hall at 10:00am**

## Today's Homily

### Meet Tabitha and Elisha

Today's gospel has some outrageously good news for us. In fact, it is stonkering in what it claims.

Today's gospel is from John 17 in what we call the high priestly prayer. Jesus the High priest is praying for lots and lots of different people and for lots and lots of different things.

He prays for those who will become believers in the future, those who through his disciples ministry will come to know the Love of their heavenly Father and his son.

So we get

"I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,"

He prays for unity amongst his disciples. "that all of them may be one"

He prays for his apostles and asks for two things for them.

First, that they may be with him.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am,"

and secondly

That they may see the glory of God.

"and to see my glory, the glory you have given me."

He prays that the world may come to believe that the Father sent Him and the disciples may know that they are loved.

"I pray that the world may believe that you have sent me and you have loved them just as you have loved me."

And this is the really good bit. The same love that the Father has for Jesus, is the same love that God has for us. The ferocity and passion and tenderness and eternal love that God lavishes on his Son, is the same ferocious and passionate and tender and eternal love that God lavishes on ... you and me.

And the word 'know' occurs no less than 5 times in the gospel reading. And it is a

special kind of knowing. It is not an academic book knowledge like the square root of 9 is three or the chemical formula for water is H<sub>2</sub>O.

So if it's not "book knowing" then what sort of knowledge is it and what would be an example of it.

Introducing Tabitha and Elisha. Here are two people who when you look at them you "know" that they are together. They are a single body. There is a cohesive, electric atmosphere around them that is almost material and touchable. What's more they themselves know they are together. With every fibre of their being, they know each other and they know they are together.

And that I think others and sisters is the closest we get to understanding the sort of unity that God the Father and his Son have with each other.

"Just as you are in me and I am in you."

Except of course that the unity that the Father and the Son have is never marred by sin, by the quick word, by the irritations that Tabitha and Elisha inevitably know.

But the takeaway this morning with chips and sauce on the side is very good news indeed and it is something that we can never quite get our heads around. And the good news is this.

That special untainted adoration, that inseparable unity, that mind blowing delicious love that the Father and Son perpetually enjoy.... is exactly the same relationship and the same dazzling sparkle, that The Master wants to, longs to, desires to, craves to have with you and me.

Which is the same spectacular unity that we are called to have with each other. Listen closely.

"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us"

last, the beginning and the end.' <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>5</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood. <sup>6</sup> 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' <sup>7</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' and let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' and let everyone who is thirsty come. et anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>8</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>9</sup> if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. <sup>10</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>11</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

**Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel: John 17.20-26

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>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you

in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Coming to Australia are Jacky and David Morton.**

Jeanine and Fr. David will be having some time off to be with them towards the end of June. This will involve being away on Sunday June 29th. We Thank Deacon Jannie who will be leading the worship on Saturday 28th and the parish of Warrnambool for offering ministry on Sunday 29th.

**If you are one of those kind people who deliver things for Anglicare this should help.**

The Best Phone number is Kim— 0418 628 077 and she will know who is in and when. The Warrnambool numbers are switched through to her mobile outside of program hours also. But there will always be staff and volunteers there from 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday (except public holidays) so donations can be dropped in then. There may be staff there later on some days so probably best to call ahead if drop off needs to be later than 12.30.

**Two reasons why the 3rd Thursday of the month is very good for you. (June 19th)**

The Fundraising Committee meets at 1:30pm  
Parish Council meets at 5:30pm



## 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	Heather M
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For those who have died

Dorothy Mastin Wilma Povey Agnes Dunbar Peter Jelleff Barbara Critten Lillian Hudgson	Alexander MacGibbon Doris Roberts Doreen Price William Eales Glen Mitchell Keith Warburton	Ian Fitzpatrick Jade Allan Ethel Norris Barry Watson
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church of Korea
- The Primate: Geoff Smith.
- The Bishop: Garry Weatherill  
Assistant Bishop: Scott Lowrey
- Bishop Nathan Ingen and the staff of the Diocesan Offices at Mt Hagen.
- Those preparing for marriage.

## Offering Envelopes

I am in the process of compiling the

envelopes ready for your offering for the next 12 months.

There are various alternatives you may choose from one of which are the printed envelopes we have used for many years.

If you like to use this system and do not want to change there is nothing to do. Your envelopes will appear at the back of the Church by the last week of June.

If you have never had envelopes and would like to use this method to give regularly to the Church please contact myself (Jenny Rankin) and I will make sure there is a year's supply for you which you will find at the back of the Church also by last week of June.

If you would prefer to give once a month I can arrange just 12 envelopes to be set aside for you.

Apart from putting your offering in the plate each Sunday a lot of our Parishioners have chosen to Direct Debit. If you are now direct debiting and we have issued you with envelopes in the past please let me know and I will delete you from the list and will not issue you with envelopes.

Whichever method you use thank you sincerely for your gift.

Jenny's number 0419 110 817

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

The response to Father hear our prayer.... is... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father hear our prayer.....**in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**

We rejoice that you, Heavenly Father, sent your one and only Son to be with us; to teach, to heal, and to be the essence of your eternal love in our midst, and to go before and prepare a place for us.

We give thanks for the those who have led us in our faith. We pray for your church throughout the world, for those who serve faithfully in other countries, for the church in Australia, Garry our bishop, Scott his assistant bishop, and David our priest, and that we might all be united in the truth and faithfully proclaim Jesus Christ come amongst us, and the Good News of salvation.

*Father hear our prayer.....in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We give thanks for the peace that we have in this land. We pray for the nations and world leaders, for our sovereign King Charles, for our national and State leaders, and all in positions of authority, that you will endow them with wisdom, and incline them to work towards the common good. We particularly pray for the people of countries in conflict or under threat, that the Peace of God may come amongst them.

*Father hear our prayer.....in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We give thanks for those who serve in our community; for those who teach our children, those who administer justice, and those who protect and keep the peace. We pray that you will continue to look kindly upon our region, our neighbours, our friends and our families. Enable us to live in love for you and for one another.

*Father hear our prayer.....in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We pray for those in need; the sick, the poor, the lonely, and those who are suffering. We

give thanks for our health and wellbeing, and we pray for your comfort and healing of those in need, and your sustaining of those who minister to them. We particularly pray for those on the Parish prayer list, and those whom you now bring to mind.....  
*Father hear our prayer.....in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

We give thanks for the faithful departed. We praise you Lord Heavenly Father, for reaching out to generation after generation, with the promise of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ. We entrust all those who have gone before us, into your gracious and loving care. Please remind us that, as we experience life, which can be difficult and unsettling, there are true and permanent joys to be found in Your immediate presence, and sure hope of life in your eternal presence.

*Father hear our prayer.....in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

All these things we bring before you, in the certainty of your good grace and love for us.  
**Amen**

## Bible Reading Challenge 2025

It is that time again - time to invite everyone in the dioceses of Ballarat and Gippsland to read their Bibles every day for the whole month of June. This year, rather than focussing on a biblical book, we are focussing on some significant Bible women, from both the Old and New Testament. Hard copies of our notes are available from the Diocesan office or can be downloaded from our website. Happy reading!  
<https://ballaratanglican.org.au/brc2025/>

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**101 110 245 312**