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Fr. David's easy quiz

The Symbol for St. Peter is

- Some rocks
- A flame
- Some keys
- A book and pen.

Fr. David's hard quiz

On Thursday 12th of June some year 11 students came to visit Christ Church Hamilton. They were from

- Alexandra College
- Monivae College
- Good Shepherd College
- The order of the little white handerchief

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: The Diocese of Gippsland

Hard Quiz: To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer and worship and service

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 22nd June 2025
Ministry of clergy
'to equip his people for works of service' (Ephesians 4:12)
The Lord Jesus sends pastors to his church. The essence of their ministry is to help us to grow as Christians and to be equipped for works of service, pre-eminently serving one another so that we can grow like Jesus. Sometimes we go to church simply out of habit and without expectations. But that is not the vision of Jesus for his people. Instead, equipped by our pastors we are to grow together into the likeness of Christ and we are to help each other to grow. Church is not merely a habit – it is a unity of people who care for each other, led by the teaching of the word of God.
<i>Question for thought:</i> <i>What should I pray for my brothers and sisters in church?</i>
Gracious Lord, we thank you for the Mothers Union in Taejon in South Korea and the ministries they share in supporting the homeless, caring for the elderly and counselling for women in need. May they share the true comfort that comes in trusting Jesus. We also pray for our members in Adelaide and new President Rev. Dr Gethzi Devasagayam.



Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Second Sunday After Pentecost
22nd June 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Acts 10.38

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Collect

Pour out upon us, O God, the power and wisdom of your Spirit, so that we, who have been baptised into Christ and made your children through faith, may know your Son's power to heal, and, being made one in him, may overcome all barriers that divide us; 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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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

SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Wednesday 25th June	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 28th June	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 29th June	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld	
Reader 1: Sandra	Reader 2: Meredith	Intercessor: Sue	Sidesmen : Meredith & Stuart
Eucharist Assistant: Jannie			

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 42; 43

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1. As a deer longs for the running brooks: so longs my soul for you, O God.
2. **My soul is thirsty for God, thirsty for the living God: when shall I come and see his face?**
3. My tears have been my food day and night: while they ask me all day long 'Where now is your God?'
4. **As I pour out my soul by myself, I remember this: how I went to the house of the Mighty One, into the temple of God,**
5. To the shouts and songs of thanksgiving: a multitude keeping high festival.
6. **Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: and why so unquiet within me?**
7. O put your trust in God: for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.
8. **My soul is heavy within me: therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.**
9. Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters: all your waves and breakers have gone over me.
10. **Surely the Lord will grant his loving mercy in the day-time: and in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**
11. I will say to God, my rock, 'Why have you forgotten me: why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?'
12. **Like a sword through my bones, my enemies have mocked me: while they ask me all day long 'Where now is your God?'**
13. Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: and why so unquiet within me?
14. **O put your trust in God: for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**
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1. Give judgement for me, O God, take up my cause against an ungodly people: deliv-

sent what it indicates. When Jesus spoke to the two sad travellers on the road to Emmaus and explained to them the words of scriptures that were about himself, their hearts began to burn, that is to say, they experienced his presence. Speaking about himself he became present to them. With his words he did much more than simply make them think of him, or instruct them about himself, or inspire them with his memory. Through his words he became really present to them. This is what we mean by the sacramental quality of the word. The word creates what it expresses." So what would happen if we did what Frank did and went and declared what God has done for us? Would not our fear of relapse evaporate and our hearts burn within us?

Next week's homily

Peter Smith ... not his real name.

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**

Have you got your giving envelopes?

They are now available. Thank you to the kind folk who lovingly prepared them.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All Parishioners are advised that the 2025 AGM will be held in the Canon Julien Centre on **Sunday 27 July commencing at 11:30am**. It will follow the 10:30am service at Christ Church which will be the only service in the Parish on that date.

In accordance with Diocesan policy, all parishioners must re-enrol to be eligible to vote at the AGM. All parishioners over the age of 18 are eligible to enrol to vote. Electoral Enrolment Forms and Nomination Forms are now available at each church in the Parish.

Nominations for Parish positions close with the Rector at **12 noon on Sunday 13 July 2025**. Reports are to reach the Secretary by **5.00pm on Sunday 6 July 2025**. Reports are to be forwarded in **Word** format to the Secretary by email to loftyandsue@bigpond.com. Reports not in that format will NOT be accepted.

Nominations are required for: Wardens and Councillors.

The Electoral Roll will close at **12 noon Sunday 20 July 2025**. Electoral enrolment forms may be placed in the box at the rear of Christ Church or passed to Fr David after services at outlying churches.

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

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 overnight – second hand are fine

Today's Homily

The fear of relapse.

In 1976 I read the book the Exorcist. I was an impressionable youth and I can still recall that today's gospel is quoted in part on the flyleaf of the book.

The story of the tortured naked guy living in the tombs of Gerasenes would make for great television, especially the whole swine charging down into the sea.

The story we get on our news feeds, whatever yours happens to be, are often heavily laced with fear. Hence we get fire, flood, road accidents, the taking of life and you can probably think of a whole lot of stories you've seen recently where there has been an element of fear. Check out the questions that the interviewer asks.

Are you worried that

Do you think that...

What would be the worst possible scenario for

Can you confirm that this incident won't happen again?

Our gospel today is also heavily laced with fear. The fear by the locals of the possessed man. Their fear of Jesus, remember they send him away at the end of the story. The fear of the demons of Jesus.

'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'

Right at the end of the gospel there is a curious little conversation between the exorcised man (Let's call him Frank) and the Master. Frank asks to stay with Jesus but Jesus sends him away saying 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' Now it's not explicitly spelt out here but I think that Frank wants to stay with The Master for two reasons.

First his liberating experience would be such a pleasurable thing that of course he would want to stay close to the source of the one who has so richly blessed him.

But mixed through and folded into this desire is another fear. The fear of relapse.

Perhaps in Frank's mind is the fear that if Jesus leaves then the demons will come back and posses him. He would be back to his old way of ditching his clothes and being tortured in mind and he really would prefer his cleaned up self just the way he has thanked you very much. There's something about Frank's trust or lack of it in all of this as well.

The fear of relapse is a very understandable and logical dread. I have met some folk, who, having recently been given the 'all clear' really aren't quite ready to accept the gift, grasp and live it for fear that it might be an illusion. You see the scenario... perhaps you have lived it or are living it yourself.

The fear of relapse is a thief because it robs you of the present. All those exciting things that you can and should be getting on with and enjoying right now.

The fear of relapse is a thief because it robs you of the future. I might relapse in 6 months, 12 months time and therefore I can't plan to do 6.5 and Y, T and Z

The fear of relapse is a thief because it robs you of the ministry of those who want to reach out to you and serve you. You can become so self absorbed that you miss out and your friends and family miss out.

Still with me? Good. Now just to add to my completely unprovable theory I reckon that the Master understands that Frank suffers from the fear of relapse and so to remedy his anxiety he gives him a task to combat his fear.

'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.'

There is something about the telling, of the speaking out loud that makes it real. For example, the retelling of a grim prognosis or the spruiking of your tattslotto winning makes your big news more real. The more you pass on your news, the more concrete it becomes. Yes it really is all happening. My winnings, prognosis is factual.

And it is most certainly true when we hear the gospel read. It's not just a retelling of a nice Jesus story. Jesus speaks to us and his message becomes palpable to us and our hearts burn within us.

Henri Nouwen articulates this beautifully in his book 'With burning hearts'

"The Word of God is sacramental. That means it is sacred, and as a sacred word it makes pre-

er me from the deceitful and unjust.

2. For you are God my refuge— why have you turned me away: why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?

3. O send out your light and your truth, and let them lead me: let them guide me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

4. Then I shall go to the altar of God, to God my joy and my delight: and to the harp I shall sing your praises, O God, my God.

5. Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: and why so unquiet within me?

6. O put your trust in God: for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.

Second Reading: Galatians 3.10-14; 3.23-29

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the law.'¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'¹² But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, 'Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.'¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.¹⁵ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.¹⁶ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.¹⁷ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,¹⁸ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.¹⁹ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.²⁰ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.²¹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord endures for ever.
That word is the good news that was announced to you.
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 8.26-39

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

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)³⁰ Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him.³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.³⁷ Then all the people

of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,³⁹ 'Return to your home, and declare how much

God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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	Heather M Bishop Scott & his family
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For those who have died

Walter Swift Jane Rowe Winsome Newsome William Sutton Ronald White Selyna Nicols Reginald White	Ernest Gulbin Gwendoline Crawford Annie Stapylton Lawrence Noske Patrick Kenny Thelma Brian Dorothy Causer	Alice Rickanne Mary Hamilton Alan Fitzgerald Joseph McKee Allen Kenny Isobel Boyd
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- NATSIAC – Bp Chris Mcleod (also Dean of Adelaide)
Willochra: Jeremy James TSSF
- Stawell: Those clerics and lay leaders providing locum ministry
- Mt Hagen
- Koori communities within the Diocese.
- Choral Mass in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese - in the Cathedral @5pm

A significant date for your diary

Sunday 23rd of November the whole diocese (Clergy and Laity) will gather here at Hamilton to celebrate 150 years. There will only be one mass on that weekend day on Sunday at **11:00am**. Bishop Garry is very excited and looking forward to being with everyone.

TODAY'S HYMNS
177 320 164 606

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
"Lord of compassion" ... is ... "Hear and absolve"

Lord of compassion...hear and absolve.

We cannot live with others unless we learn how to forgive and we cannot forgive without the grace of our merciful Saviour. Let us pray with compassion for all our brothers and sisters.

That our church and parish community may be a place of acceptance and welcome to all who come to our doors. We hold up Garry, our bishop and Bishop Scott who assists him. For the preparations we are making for our Diocesan 150th celebrations in this parish
Lord of compassion...hear and absolve.

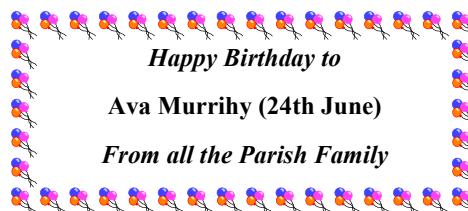
For those who seek the ministry of reconciliation in our church and those who offer this ministry. For comforting and wise words to be found as God's forgiveness is pronounced and advice is offered

Lord of compassion...hear and absolve.

That society's outcasts; the rejected and scorned, may discover in us the joy of acceptance and the reality of God's love.
Lord of compassion...hear and absolve.

That our departed loved ones may know the peace, forgiveness and acceptance of God's love. For the recently departed in
Lord of compassion...hear and absolve.

Most merciful Father hear the prayers we offer in the name of your Son, who loved us and sacrificed Himself for our sake, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen



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. On the weekend of Saturday June 28th and Sunday 29th we thank Deacon Jannie who will be leading the worship on this weekend So...this means that Jeanine and Fr. David will be on leave from Thursday 26th of June to Friday 4th of July. Fr. Martin from Ararat will be on call in case of calamity. His magic number is 0430 003 519. This number will also be on the parish landline message machine doodad.

Renaissance Requiem
Australian Chamber Choir
Directed by Douglas Lawrence
Saturday 26th July at 3PM
Sterling Place Community Centre
DUNKELD
Please see flyer on notice board



Anglican Diocese of Ballarat 150th Anniversary prayer

Creator God of love,
All time and every place is your gift.
We thank you that you have blessed our Diocese for the last 150 years, even when we have failed in our high calling to herald your kingdom.

Your forgiveness, love and peace sustained generations of our forebears,
And we rejoice that you still bless us and invite us to work with you to build justice, hope and love in Western Victoria.
Inspire us with a new vision and new energy as we face the future, and help us to trust and commit to the humble serving path of Jesus, guided by your Holy Spirit. Amen.