

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

The number of Parish councillors is always a multiple of

- 2
- 3
- 4
- Any number Fr. David likes
- The number that Sesame street has on the morning of the AGM.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The person who looks after our very shiny web site is

- Fr. Philip Barrington
- Bishop Scott Lowrey
- Johnno at the Registry
- Some one from Grange Burn technology.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: All of the above

Hard Quiz: At home

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 20th July 2025

Rest

'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls' Matthew 11:29

One of the greatest blessings we have from God, is the weekly rest day. We remember that this goes back to the seven days of creation and the seventh day when God 'rested'. The day gives us freedom to meet with our fellow-Christians in worship, to take time off, and to make sure that those who depend on us can rest as well. But the idea of the day of rest not only looks back to creation. It also looks forward to Jesus and his promise of rest for those who learn from him. When someone goes to be with Jesus, we rightly say they are 'at rest'. And, one day, the whole creation will be renewed and all will be as it should be again, and all will be at rest. Here is something to look forward to!

*Question for thought:
Where do I find my rest?*

Lord of All, we pray for our sisters in Gitega, Burundi as they seek to help women particularly through Literacy and Financial education. May they reach out with your love and encourage the women to trust in you and be their anchor in life as they help them to have a stable family life. **Amen.**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
20th July 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Isaiah 30.16

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength.

Collect

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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 | | |
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| Wednesday 23rd July | Holy Communion 10.00am | Christ Church Hamilton |
| Saturday 26th July | Vigil 5.00pm | Christ Church Hamilton |
| Sunday 27th July | Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am | St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton |

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| Reader 1 Jenny | Reader 2:Eileen | Intercessor: Jannie | Sidesmen : Linley& Denise |
| Eucharist Assistant: John | | | |

¹ This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent! ⁴ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,’ saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ ⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹ On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall

run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 52

1. Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long: of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?
2. **You contrive destroying slanders: your tongue is like a sharpened razor, it cuts deceitfully.**
3. You have loved evil, and not good: to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.
4. **You love all words that may do hurt: and every deceit of the tongue.**
5. But God will destroy you utterly: he will snatch you away and pluck you out of your dwelling, he will uproot you from the land of the living.
6. **The righteous shall see it, and fear: they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,**
7. ‘Here is one who did not take God for strength: but trusted to the abundance of riches, and found strength in slander.’
8. **As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.**
9. I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing: I will glorify your name before the faithful, for it is good to praise you.

day. Perhaps the good news is that like Mary and Martha he still chooses, wants to knock on the rough, gnarly knotted door of our hearts, step across the welcome mat and come and drink with us. Even though we might be fizzing or sullen, buzzing or resistant. Still he determines to visit and longs to stay.

Even when we are Martha and Mary... even when we are being our truly mucky selves. The Things we do for love. Even so, come Master Carpenter, wash our feet, bless our bread and wine, drink and eat with us, love us, even as we love you.

Next week's homily

The scorpion and the egg

In a bowl at the back of Christ Church there are "holding crosses" for your pocket which are made by Warren Rumble (a past parishioner). If you would like one you might make a donation in the collection. Jannie

The Anglicare AGM is on Tuesday 22nd of July at 2:00pm in Warrnambool. Fr. David is going and is able to take a few folk. The afternoon tea and speaker are fantastic!

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

Coming soon to a Church near you. It's Mary Sumner whose life we celebrate on the weekend of the 9th and 10th of August

Save This Date- Friday October 3rd 2025

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND The annual Anglican Trivia Night. Tables of 10 @ \$10 per person. BYO knowledge, food and drinks. A sense of humour mandatory. For more information contact: Susan M- 0408528781

You too can recycle bottles to help the Parish finances. Ask Fr David HOW

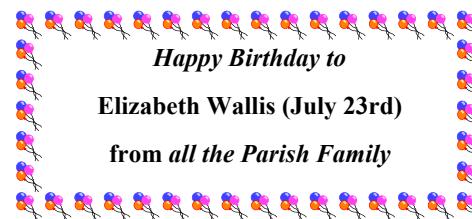
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY 27 JULY 2025

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.

Nomination Forms are available at each church in the Parish.

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.



Today's Homily

The things we do for love

The story of Martha and Mary only appears in Luke and these 6 little verses somehow we are quickly drawn into choosing one sister over the other. Usually we reckon it's Mary who's the good one; Mary who gets the gold Starr and the heffalump stamp. "Mary has chosen the better part." There, the Master says so, so it's got to be right and there's an end to it ... or is it?

Surely both have something to teach us. It is Martha who opens the door to the Master and his potpourri assortment of disciples. And all the domestic things that she does that surely do need to be done. Like scrub the loos, vacuum the floors, put the roast lamb on, decant the wine, peel the spuds, put out the hummus, olives, figs and pomegranates and put a posy of flowers on the table. Then make sure the dog is outside, watered, fed and done its business so it doesn't do whoopsies on the carpet in front of the guests.

Martha surely does get an A = for Home eco and just as importantly hospitality. She knows who it is that is coming over the threshold. Not all of us do, all the time.

And Mary also has much going for her. The ability to just sit still and listen is not easy. To be focused and let your guests presence just wash over you, calm and soothe you without being distracted can be tricky. Listening can be jolly hard sometimes... a lot of the time. But these girls are sisters and growing up in a family of four and then spending a little time in a blended family, I know that it is not always sweetness and light and sugar and spice. Sometimes it really is frogs and snails and puppy dog tails.

If I read it right, The Master doesn't actually tick Martha off for doing the household chores but it is that the angst and the fretting of doing the laundry and carving the roast that takes away from the joy of having a house guest. Doing all those lovely necessary things with joyous expectation is the way to go. Not thinking 'Wouldn't it be a whole lot easier if Jesus and his cronies phoned ahead and let me know that they had got a better offer.'

And there may be other things sloshing around here. One is that they might see their reactions to the house guest in a transactional way. If I do this.... then my good friend Jesus will love me more. I'm sitting quietly at his feet ... or I am doing all these tasks so that, I might win his favour. And the good news is that we don't have to try that hard and probably the most important thing and therefore often the hardest thing, is to just open the door. It is often difficult and very risky because when we open the door, invite Him to step across the threshold and into our lives and maybe even make a few polite suggestions, we make ourselves incredibly vulnerable. And once he has stepped inside He can irritate and enthrall, disquiet and infuriate: He can be quiet and evasive and so we miss Him all the more and long just for the whisper of his voice. A nudge, a look, a smile, hec even a frown.

Do we fluff and faff around or do we sit up and shut up? And when and how will we ever get the balance right?

One other crazy Fr. David thought. To my shame there were times when I was growing up when consciously and deliberately I chose to push my siblings buttons. I did something or didn't do something that I knew would exacerbate and anger my brothers and sister.

Now I'm sure that has never happened to you, but knowing families as I have done and do... is it not possible or even probable that Mary and Martha have both chosen to do things that they know will infuriate the other? And in yet another wild, completely unsupported and unsubstantiated theological heresy, what if they had set this whole thing up as a kind of competition. You do this Mary and I'll do that and we'll see which one of us he likes the best. You'll see that I was right and you were wrong. So there, rudely poking out her tongue. Like that game has never happened before. Sorry but clergy are very good at it and we didn't even have to have a lecture about it in college.

Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus are good friends of Jesus. There are those who suggest that their home was The Masters bolt hole. His safe place or safe house, where the crowds couldn't get to him.

He would have known his hosts' games and trickiness long before he came to them on that

Second Reading: Colossians 1.15-29

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning

everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord endures for ever
The word of the Lord is the good news
announced to you
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10.38-42

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

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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

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| Beatrix Bishop Garry | Chris Henderson Vivian McKellar | Heather M Bishop Scott & his family |
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For those who have died

Cynthia Annett

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| Charles Lovett Leslie Neaves Alma McPherson Richard Hughes Joan Rowe Ralph Slade Ronald Stinchcombe Annie Fickett Howard Newell June Rose | Elsie Annett Mary-Ella Bond William Porter M. M. Graham Gregory Annett Florence Menzel Rose Davies Erbert Ranley Alfred Martin Frances Broadwood | Doyne Hunt Emily Porter Pamela Laidlaw Myrtle Riley Graeme Lanyon Leon Carter George Hayward Alice McDonald John Dishon |
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of Pakistan
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Paul Bird CSSR
- Beaufort & Skipton: Anne McKenna
- Markham
- The starving and malnourished.
- Those without medical supplies.

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.

So here's another November date to write into your diary.

The Weekend of the 15th and 16th of November sees the Creative works of art and St. Peter's Guild Christmass stall at Earlene Gellert's 10am - 4pm both days. All are very Welcome.

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

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding :
“Lord hear us” ... is .. “Lord, graciously hear us”.
Lord hear us ... **Lord, graciously hear us.**

As Martha and Mary discovered, the kindness and love of God is revealed in Jesus in our midst. Let us pray to the God who listens. That the sacred liturgy may enrich the personal prayer of those who gather for worship. For those who listen and those who speak. We pray for Garry our Bishop, Bishop Scott who assists him and those who they serve.
Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who serve others in their line of work. For all cooks, housekeepers, and cleaners; for those who provide care and hospitality to travellers, that God will bless them for the quality and dignity they bring to the lives of others.

Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

That like Mary of Bethany, we will develop a discipline which allows us to listen to Christ in times of reflection and peace.

Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are persecuted for their principles, that their suffering may inspire us to seek the justice and mercy of God in all things.

Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

That Christ who visited Martha and Mary may come to the aid of those who have asked our prayers. We pray for those in our hospitals, institutions at this time. We offer those who have privately asked for our prayers.

Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

That our blessed dead may be welcomed by the angels and saints into the house of God; especially the recently departed Cynthia Annett

Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

In a moment of silence let us listen to the God who loves us. (Pause 1,...2,...3,...)
Lord hear us ... Lord, graciously hear us.

Kind and loving Father hear our prayers. May we serve you by serving one another joyfully and sincerely, compassionately and completely, just as your Son Jesus, served and loved us. We make these prayers in His name. Amen.

This sounds like a cunning plan.

On Saturday 5th of July a wonderful group of folk met to begin planning for our Fete on Saturday November 8th. We talked about plants, books, craft, cakes and slices, morning tea, BBQ, raffles, the auction, advertising, a treasure trestle and a whole lot more. If any of these appeal to you or you simply want to help the folk to go to are Ken & Judy Pickett, Fr. David, Stewart and Meredith Otton or Shirley Gregory. We enjoyed it all so much that we'll meet again on Saturday 2nd of August at 10am. You are warmly invited to come along and be part of the fun.

TODAY'S HYMNS
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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.