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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Jill Gale is...

Bishop Gary's P.A.

The Diocesan president of the Guild

The Diocesan president of the Mothers Union

Fr. David's Aunt

The person who has just recently started coming to the Wednesday Eucharist.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The Church celebrates the feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael...

March 22nd

July 29th

October 2nd

September 29th

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: 3

Hard Quiz: Philip Barington

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 27th July 2025

Growth

'speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ' *Ephesians 2:15*

'Refreshment and encouragement' is the theme of this month's MU Prayer Diary. They do in fact belong together in our experience and we have both especially when we meet in church. It is rather strange that many church members are willing to miss church as often as they do. We are a single body and we are all responsible for the growth of the body into the likeness of Christ. It is not just the job of the minister. When we decide not to attend we are depriving others of the encouragement and refreshment which we receive from each other.

Question for thought:

Does every member have an active role to play in church?

Our Father in heaven, we thank you that Zambia is a relatively stable country and pray for members in Northern Zambia as they reach out in your name that many will come to you as they see your love reflected in the lives of these sisters. We also pray for Sydney Diocese and give thanks for the online State Conference in NSW that was held yesterday. May it have been an encouragement to members across the State as they gathered in small groups and shared this time together.

. **Amen.**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton Seventh Sunday After Pentecost 27th July 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 11.9

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Collect

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord

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 30th July Holy Communion 10.00am Christ Church Hamilton

Saturday 2nd August Vigil 5.00pm Christ Church Hamilton

Sunday 3rd August Eucharist 9.00am Cavendish
Eucharist 5.00pm Dunkeld
Eucharist 10.30am Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1 Susan

Reader 2:Sandra

Intercessor: Heather

Sidesmen : Heather and Ian

Eucharist Assistant: . Heather

1st Reading: Hosea 1.2-10

2 When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.' 3 So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 And the Lord said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' 6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. 7 But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' 8 When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. 9 Then the Lord said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' 10 Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 85

1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people: and covered all their sin.

3 You put aside all your wrath: and turned away from your fierce indignation.

4 Return to us again, O God our saviour and let your anger cease from us.

5 Will you be displeased with us for ever: will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

6 Will you not give us life again: that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O Lord: and grant us your salvation.

8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak: for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

9 Truly his salvation is near to those who fear him: and his glory shall dwell in land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

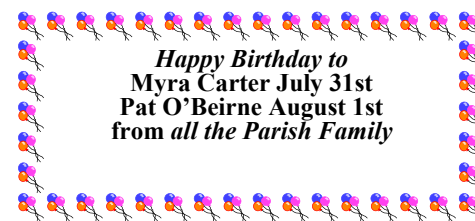
11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty.

13 For righteousness shall go before him and tread the path before his feet.

egg for Seraphina(s) and it felt like, feels like, I am handed a stinging scorpion. But what if, by asking for a continuation of, poor quality, pain riddled, morphine fuelled, life for Seraphina; a delay of what is inevitable for all of us, I was in fact asking for a scorpion for her? And is it not possible, that through Seraphina's gentle, superb and holy ministry from her deathbed, that God offered me an egg. A new life, bursting with blessing, enrichment and potential to share with the world. Maybe now I can finally, authentically learn to say... For the kingdom, the power and the glory are indeed yours, now and ever amen.

Next week's homily
FirstGet right with God.



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.

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

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

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

Recycling

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

Today's Homily

The scorpion and the egg

This is one of those many homilies about a mythical person in a mythical parish. This person is a collage of people whom I have been privileged to minister to.

I'm going to call this person Seraphina.

Seraphina was one of those remarkable people who danced in the shadows of the parish. She had never been a Sunday by Sunday person and was never going to be. Apparently there had been a 'to do' with Reverend what's-their-name and so that was that. The exact details of the debate had been lost in time but according to parish legend it was a fiery contest and there were no winners. There never are, except maybe the pharmaceutical companies who make blood pressure tablets.

Some Sundays I'd just look up and she would be there. And by the time the last hymn was finished she would be gone again.

So the first opportunity I had to really get to know her was when she turned up in Hospital. She had been diagnosed with something nasty and incurable. The long term outlook was pretty grim. That's me dressing it up and trying to be polite.

Seraphina and I had some scrumptious chats and she taught me much. I shall always be deeply and profoundly grateful for her patience and skill. And even though she may not have been a Sunday by Sunday pew sitter, I always came away from her bedside knowing that I had been in the presence of the living God. And that was both a scary and an exhilarating experience.

I was young and inexperienced enough to believe that prayer might go some way to sorting all this out. So pray I did, as pray I might, as pray I tried.

I would come back to today's gospel frequently.

The Lord's prayer was always a good place to start. I knew how this one went and I could prattle it off quick smart and give myself an A+ every time.

I would read again the bit about the guy who had unexpected visitors and knocked on his neighbours door at 3am in order to get a sandwich loaf and some sliced honey leg ham and a bottle of chianti to give to his visitors.

"Because of his persistence he will get up and

give him whatever he needs". There! It's in the bible so it's gotta be right. If I am just persistent enough then Seraphina's next scan will show a reduction in the tumour and we'll be well on the way to recovery and a full, healthy and happy life.

And I read and prayed the next bit.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened".

I was sure searching and knocking and asking, all it seems to no avail.

How do we reconcile Our Lord's promise in this gospel reading with the cold, hard reality of Seraphina in a coffin? For me at least, the scorpion of death had not lost its sting at all. What do we say when God seems to fail? A tiny baby step forward was given to me once by a wise old priest.

"Hmmp!" he snorted. "This God of ours, I shake my fist at Him". And I can tell you that after every Seraphina's funeral there is a good deal of passionate fist shaking and long may it last. Perhaps part of the answer is that we are not supposed to have all the answers. Perhaps our fist shaking and our silent sobs are the prayers that we should be offering more frequently instead of the quick, trite I'm the religious prayer professional person.

And perhaps another part of the jigsaw puzzle that we never see completed on this side of the grave is the line 'your will be done' which would infer that God's will isn't always done. Perhaps, sometimes God's last word will be spoken convincingly and lovingly sometime in the future and Seraphina's story is just Episode 2 of a huge blockbuster mega series the final episodes of which are only just being directed and rehearsed.

One other thing that I think about. I refer you to the very last bit of the gospel with the scorpion and the egg.

'What parent, if the child asks for an egg, will give them a scorpion?'

On the surface of it I was asking for an

Second Reading Colossians 2.6-15

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⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia

The word of the Lord endures forever

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you

The Holy Gospel Luke 11.1-13

The Lord be with you

And also with you

¹ He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

and do not bring us to the time of trial.' ⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷ And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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

Cynthia Annett

Abraham Greed Raymond Cleland Phyl McLachlan Albert McLachlan Mavis Slater Albert Black George Collins Alan Brown Enid Bullock James Wright	Agness Elliott Stephen Doris Sabelberg Baarbara Reid Percival Lyons Geraldene Beggs Lauren Gleeson James Rountree Margaret Rountree Arthur Rudle	Verna Barker Mavis Slater Maxwell Sandison Doris Harvey Brian Lacy Mabel Marces Frances Ellis Edgar Cottrill Harriett Napier Maxwell Smith
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For the wider Church and its ministry

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
 • All those involved in Police Chaplaincy throughout the Diocese.
 All those involved in Chaplaincy for the CFA & the SES throughout the
 Diocese: David Turner. • Togban
 • Those involved in IVF technology. •
 Members of medical ethical committees.

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.

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding :

Generous God. is.....Give us this day our daily bread.

Generous God...**Give us this day our daily bread**

For our church That that you answer prayer in the time of need. For Bishop Gary and Bishop Scott to guide us in this time of change.

Generous God.....**Give us this day our daily bread.**

For the world, that by guiding to create world peace. By loving each other rather than bear arms of destruction. For suffering to end. That God's people choose love over hate.

Generous God.....**Give us this day our daily bread.**

That God gives the Holy Spirit to those who asks. Giving comfort to those in need. That your Holy Spirit will guide us that we may do your will. For our church as we go forward and plan our future at this time.

Generous God.....**Give us this day our daily bread.**

We pray for those who suffer and those who mourn at this time. That your kingdom come on earth.

Generous God.....**Give us this day our daily bread.**

Let us help those in need by prayer. For all those who are wounded through war and accidents. For those that are without sustenance. . For the healing of those undergoing treatment. That with prayer and the laying on of hands. They will be restored to health.

Generous God.....**Give us this day our daily bread.**

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.