

**dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

**Fr. David's easy quiz**

Bishop Scott's latest office is....  
At Craig's Royal hotel  
62 Lydiard st. North  
49 Lydiard st South  
In a tent in the Warrnambool Parish grounds.

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

The Australian Deans conference this year is at  
The Gold Coast  
Perth  
Melbourne  
London

The answers from last weeks quiz were:  
Easy Quiz: Gargoyle  
Hard Quiz: Tony Mould

**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

**Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Community**

'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Love does no harm to neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law' *Romans 13:9-10*  
God has designed us as communal creatures and we all live in a number of different communities: our family, our street, our suburb, our club, our church, our nation. We rightly love our families and those who are like us. But as Jesus showed in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, true obedience to God demands that we love people and seek their welfare even if they are very different from us. Mothers Union has a record of doing this by visiting the sick and new mothers, for example, and caring for members in need all around the world. Our motive is this: we love because God first loved us. He has shown us in Jesus what true love is like.

**Question for thought:**

How do I love my neighbours?

Gracious Lord, we bring you the work in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in Canada. We thank you for the support and encouragement they give the Mission to Seafarers and in providing resources for clergy families. Pray that as together they reach out in their communities they will share the hope in the kingdom God has promised. We pray too for our members in North Queensland as they support and encourage indigenous members in their family life.  
Sunday Amen

**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Wednesday 13 August      Holy Communion 10.00am      Christ Church Hamilton

Saturday 16th August      Vigil 5.00pm      Christ Church Hamilton

Sunday 17th August      Eucharist 9.00am      St Mark's Cavendish  
                                    Eucharist 10.30am      Christ Church Hamilton  
                                    Eucharist 5.00pm      St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1 John

Reader 2:Gladys

Intercessor: Heather

Sidesmen : Judy and Ken

Eucharist Assistant: . Lofty



**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10th August 2025**

**WELCOME**

Sentence: Matthew 24.42, 44

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

*Collect*

God of the past, the present, and the future, we have gathered to celebrate and to rejoice: to give thanks for the life and vision of our founder, Mary Sumner. As we look to the past with thanksgiving, so we affirm our resolve to build upon this heritage as we seek to serve God in our generation, and establish a stable future for those yet to come   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.

**Christ Church  
Hamilton**

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

## 1st Reading Revelation 21:1-7

1. Then I saw "a new heaven and new earth," [a] for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'[b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## .Psalm

Blessed are you, daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth;

**and blessed be the LORD God, the creator of heaven and earth.**

You are the highest honor of our race.

**Your deed of hope will never be forgotten by those who tell of the might of God.**

ranging issues from custody to diet, from education and to medicine.

Finally I conclude that Mary Sumner would have been at the forefront of everything Anglicare. She was a woman for all classes and all people. She had a particular passion for the less privileged and I'm pretty sure that she understood that when you served one of these little ones, even a cup of water, then you did it for the Lord she knew and knows so very well. Her work did not finish at her death in fact it had only just begun and now we must grab the baton and run like mad. We ask for her prayers as we continue this vital work to enrich and enhance all families everywhere.

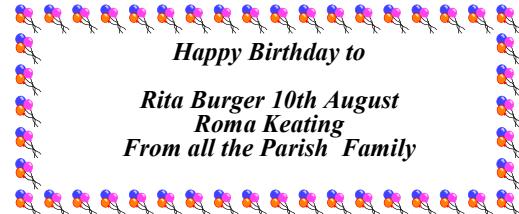
Next weeks homily  
The Unexpected Hour is..... Now.

### We had such a good time.

On Saturday 2nd of August a sociable group of people met to organise exciting things for our Fete which is on Saturday 8th November. They talked about BBQ's slices, the auction and morning tea and a whole lot more. They had such a jolly grand time that they can't wait to meet again on Saturday 6th of September at 10am. If you would like to come you along you would be very welcome.

### 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



Happy Birthday to

Rita Burger 10th August  
Roma Keating  
From all the Parish Family

**Two reasons** why Fr. David really likes the 3rd Thursday of the Month. (August 21st)

1. The third Thursday of the month is Parish Council meeting day. We begin at 5:30pm. All are welcome.
2. The Fundraising committee meets at 1:30pm and all are welcome .

## Wanted

Small quiet farmhouse or cottage sought to rent by lady with one dog. Very tidy with excellent references. Contact Deacon Jannie 0420283809 with a text message please.

**Last week at your AGM last week** Fr. David appointed Stewart Otton as his warden. You elected Claire Hilsdon and Ian Hartley as your peoples wardens. You also elected Graeme Mustow and Todd Venning as your Parish Councillors and Elisabeth Cuming as Guardian of Glenthompson. There are some spots on the Parish Council if you would do. The next meeting is on Thursday 21st at 5:30pm. We are also seeking a parish treasurer who needs to be computer conversant but does not necessarily have to sit on Parish Council. Please see Fr. David or Stewart Otton for any suggestions or if you would like to take this on. There would be lashings of training, support and gratitude and encouragement.

## Today's Homily Of Mary Sumner

Today's reflection on Mary Sumner comes in two parts. Part 1 is from Susan Gibbin who is trustee of the Southwark Mothers Union in England. It's an important reminder of where we have come from. Part 2 is a few random thoughts from your local friendly parish priest.

Part 1

### Susan Gibbin, writes

The founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner, is commemorated for her radical vision, her reflection on the importance of motherhood and her call to all women of all social classes to support one another. For me her vision, her faith and her call for action is still relevant today and one we should embrace.

Mary's vision was a practical approach to support the women in her parish, many of whom were primarily concerned about getting enough food on the table so their children would not starve. She also recognised that the work of many women in the home was not recognised and so she also reached out to men – helping them to be aware of what their women did and to recognise their need to show more respect and love.

Although not a naturally confident woman, Mary was a woman of great faith. It was through her faith that she overcame her nervousness to speak out to inspire others. She was also firm in her belief that through faith and sharing what was in her heart – God would do the rest. The principles on which her work focused included the recognition that faith is the foundation of family life.

Mary was a living example of what she preached. From 1900 onwards, she and the growing membership started to advocate on issues of key importance to families and children – she campaigned to stop children collecting alcohol from public houses for their families, and for the age of marriage for girls to be raised from 12 to 16. She was not afraid to speak up on

difficult issues, despite resistance from members of the establishment. She was also not afraid to act outside the social norms, to do what she believed to be right. At a time when unmarried girls with children were condemned and cast out, she cared for and protected her niece and her illegitimate son.

Mary's dream was for every home to be filled with the light and love of Jesus, and as the Mothers' Union grew, for the movement to unite many hearts in many lands, nurturing healthy environments for all children.

When she died in August, 1921, 4,000 women attended her funeral, which was a service of Thanksgiving. The last memory was one of her, on her feet in the sunlight, praising God.

She could not have conceived how the seeds which she planted would grow into a movement four million strong, of members in 83 countries, all putting their faith into action to nurture healthy relationships in families and communities and to fight for social justice."

'But what about today?' gripes Fr. David. 'What would Mary Sumner be speaking out about in 2025?'

Some quick guesses.

I reckon Mary Sumner would be speaking out about the disease of domestic violence. On average its about 1 person every week who dies at the hands of someone they know well. Often, but not always it is a woman who dies at the hands of their male partner. There are no winners in tragedies like this. The woman, man, the children, and the first responders are just some of those who are initially quickly and irreversibly affected. In May this disease came to Hamilton when Carlee Smith died under these exact circumstances.

I reckon Mary Sumner would also have something to say about childcare and education for our youngsters. It goes far wider than just the child. This is an area for the whole family and extends to wide

### Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9 4

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia alleluia!

Blessed are you Virgin Mary for believing the promises made to you would be fulfilled

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

The Lord be with you  
And also with you

The Gospel of the Lord  
According to St Matthew

. Jesus said "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

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

For those who have died

Cynthia Annett

Maree Manson  
Louey Clover  
William Joiner  
Jeanette Peters  
Elizabeth Duchess of Wellington

Neville Fitzgerald  
Darryl Millard  
Dorothy handler  
David Baulch

Frances Burgess  
William Hull  
Norman Phillips

For the wider Church and its ministry

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Melbourne: Archbishop-Elect Richard Thorpe, (Administrator) Genieve Blackwell, Brad Billings, Paul Barker and Kate Prowd. *For the Melbourne Diocese as they prepare to welcome their new Archbishop.*

Buninyong: Mark Schnerring

Springmount: Catie Inches-Ogden (co-ordinator) & all locums assisting.  
Anglicare Emergency Relief Centre Creswick Clients and Volunteers

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Our Premier and State Parliament

*We remember Archdeacon Stretch, "founder of the Diocese of Ballarat" and all those pioneer Christians who planted the faith and built the church in colonial Victoria.*

### 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.

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**583 194 369 307**

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

The response to the bidding :

'Spirit of the living God' ... is ...  
'Hear our prayer.'

Spirit of the living God ...**Hear our prayer.**

God of all generations, we praise and thank you for the life and work of Mary Sumner: for her concern for women and children, her desire to uphold Christian values and her commitment to prayer. Following her example, we bring our prayers to you...

For Church leaders and administrators...  
Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

For those entrusted with responsibility for social welfare...

Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

For families who live where there is war, oppression, injustice and poverty...

Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

For homes of peace and love, reflecting your love for us all... For grace to be able to forgive and be forgiven...

Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

For wives and husbands, that they may grow ever deeper in love for each other and for you... Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

For children to grow up to know and love you... Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

Hear our prayer For Mothers' Union across the world, that it may always be faithful in prayer and courageous in fulfilling its calling to reflect the light of Christ.  
Spirit of the living God **Hear our prayer**

All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

**Pasta + Pasta sauce** = Good things for Anglicare.

### Four quick things about our Parish Fete

**It's on Saturday 8th of November**

- You can help by beginning to pot up cuttings and seedlings
- Finding small items for our treasure stall
- Spreading the word



### Anglican Diocese of Ballarat 150<sup>th</sup> 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.