

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Fr. David had known Fr. Peter Treloar for
26 years
45 years
40 years
32 years

Fr. David's hard quiz

The latest person to join the Property and Finance Committee is

Fr. David
Bishop Scott
Reena Burton
Jill Gale
Mike Robins

Barney said to Fred "Do you think I need a new lectionary?"

The answers from last weeks quiz were:
Easy Quiz: 49 Lydiard St South, Ballarat
Hard Quiz: Perth

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

Snag a Snag at Coles on Grand Final day.

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Wednesday 20th August	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 23rd August	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 24th August	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 4.00pm	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton All Saints Penshurst

Reader 1 Lofty	Reader 2:Linley	Intercessor: Judy T	Sidesmen : Judy T & Sue
Eucharist Assistant: . John			

Thought for the week from Mothers Union Australia
Sunday 17th August 2025
Faith and Community

'Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.' *James 1:27*. One of the ways in which Christians acted from the very first was to look after the needy. For example, Christians would rescue unwanted babies (often girls) and care for them. They also looked after the sick, widows and orphans. This was all long before there was government help. Closer to our own time, Christians played a vital role in stopping the slave trade, in caring for animals, in looking after the victims of war, and in countless other ways. This was done at the command of Jesus the Saviour, whose love for us, unworthy as we are, has inspired us and whose word has directed.

Question for thought:

How does Mothers Union help us to love our neighbours?

Merciful Father, we pray for the nation of the Democratic Republic of Congo and particularly for the Diocese of Kasai during the violence and conflict which they are experiencing. We pray for an end to the conflict and reconciliation among conflicting parties. Set a guard over them and protect them and comfort those close to them. May there be peace, justice and stability. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
17th August 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Jeremiah 23.29

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?'

Collect

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and 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

1st Reading Isaiah 5.1-7

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

.Psalm 80.1-2, 80.8-19

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock: you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine out in glory.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh: stir up your power, and come to save us.

8 You brought a vine out of Egypt: you drove out the nations, and planted it in.

9 You cleared the ground before it: and it struck root and filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with its shadow: and its boughs were like the boughs of the great cedars.

11 It stretched out its branches to the sea: and its tender shoots to the Great River.

12 Why then have you broken down its walls: so that every passer-by can pluck its fruit?

13 The wild boar out of the woods roots it up: and the locusts from the wild places devour it.

14 Turn to us again, O Lord of hosts: look down from heaven, and see.

15 Bestow your care upon this vine: the stock which your own right hand has planted.

16 As for those that burn it with fire and cut it down: let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

17 Let your power rest on the man at your right hand: on that son of man whom you made so strong for yourself.

18 And so we shall not turn back from you: give us life, and we will call upon your name.

19 Restore us again, O Lord of hosts: show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

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.

A Film Fundraiser ..Keep the date

Luncheon & Film

On Thursday September 11th 2025
At Hamilton PAC

“Downton Abbey - The Grand Finale” Enjoy a delicious Lunch from 12 noon. Followed by the movie.

Ticket available @ \$25.
Judy P 0428 712591

Many helpers will be required to sell tickets & make sandwiches On the day. Contact Judy, Fr David, Shirley Gregory.

Today's Homily

The Unexpected Hour is..... Now.

One harsh reality of life is waiting; waiting for someone to show up, waiting for something to happen, waiting for things to change.

Sometimes it seems like all we do is wait. Some people wait for a diagnosis, others for a cure. Some wait for the day when the pain will stop and the grief to become softer around the edges. Others wait for the answer to their prayers.

Many in our world wait for healing, reconciliation, and the resolution of conflict.

Sometimes it seems as if the world has waited from the beginning of creation for peace, and the end of war, hunger, and poverty.

Sometimes we live with the overwhelming feeling of waiting but with no clear idea of what it is we are actually waiting for.

Whence. My 'waiting' happens in I think about my own waiting I realise that I generally don't 'wait' in the past or in the future. The great tragedy is that in doing so I lose the present moment and I can't ever get it back again.

Waiting in the future brings fear and anxiety about what might happen. We are haunted by the unknown and lack of control. Waiting in the past brings sadness, anger, or guilt about things that have happened, or the things done and left undone. As difficult as the present moment may be, that's the only place where we can ever be fully alive. It is the only place we can truly experience God.

When we move out of the present and into the past or the future – we not only postpone life; we deny life. We deny our resurrection. We desecrate the sacrament of the present moment. We have refused the gift of God's kingdom this very moment where he is here with us.

And the curious thing is that Jesus does not eliminate waiting. If anything, it sounds like just the opposite. He tells the crowd, "Be like those waiting for their master to

return."

Today's gospel is not, however, simply about passing time. It is about presence and being present. Jesus sees waiting as an act of faithfulness; the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

So we are mistaken if we think today's gospel describes an absent God, a God who left some time ago, for whom we wait.

Jesus is teaching us how and where to wait. He's inviting us to be present to the One who is always already present. He's inviting us to listen for the knock, to watch, and to be alert. He's inviting us to be present to the reality of God in each other, in the world, and in ourselves. This is the God who is present in the dreary and tedious grind of our lives, especially in our waiting.

We are mightily tempted to ask, "So where is God in all our waiting?" But maybe the better question is, "Where are we?" Where am I, ... right now?

So he says, "Be dressed for action. Something is going on right now. Right here. And I want you to be a part of it. Come participate. For it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. This is for you."

"Have your lamps lit," the Master says. "There is something to see. Move out of the darkness. Come into the light. See what is right in front of you, what is all around you, and what is in within you. For the Father wants you to have nothing less than the kingdom."

"Be alert," he commands. But this isn't a threat of punishment. It's an invitation to be blessed. "Blessed are those whom he finds alert." Jesus is not just inviting us to be awake, to be ready, and to be watchful. He is calling us to be fully alive and to remain alive. Blessing and life are synonymous in God's kingdom. It is as if Jesus is saying to us, "Be alert, be blessed, and I will come and serve you. I will feed you the bread of life. I will serve you the cup

Second Reading Hebrews 11.29-12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

.Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia alleluia!

Christ has died,. Christ is risen,. Christ will come again

Alleluia

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The Holy Gospel Luke 12.49-59
The Gospel of the Lord
According to St Luke

The Lord be with you
And also with you

49 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division! 52

From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law. 54 He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? 57 'And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? 58 Thus, when you go with your accuser before a magistrate, on the way make an effort to settle the case, or you may be dragged before the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you in prison. 59 I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.'

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

Cynthea Annett Fr Peter Treloar

Florence Warburton
Winifred Thomas
Dorothy Lewin
Cath Price
Florence Menzel
Sarah Lowrey

Marie Stubbs
Amy Nelson
Richard Smart
Margaret Bowtell
Hanna Greed
Rolland Tatlock

Heinrick Woodward
Edward Gibbins
Flora Reid
Patricia Hayward

For the wider Church and its ministry

The Diocese of Nyamlel – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Riverina: Donald Kirk

Camperdown and Holy Apostles: Matthew Jones, Kaye Hanks (deacon).

St Mark's Abbey - Sister Raphael & the oblates.

Those living the Single Consecrated Life: Janet Winfield

Kainantu

The United Nations Organization and its agencies.

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

316 291 680 450

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding :

“Your kingdom come” ... is ... “Your will be done”.

Your kingdom come ... **Your will be done.**

Jesus promises that our heavenly Father hears the prayers of those who come before God in faith. Let us confidently lift up our hearts in prayer.

That in our work and worship together, our church and parish may reflect our faith in Christ's resurrection. For the Church in North India and Bishop Bijay (Beejay) and those whom he serves. Bless and heal our Bishops Gary and Scott

Your kingdom come ...**Your will be done**
That the planners of our economy and industry may turn to the Father who gives us our daily bread.

Your kingdom come ...**Your will be done**
That men and women of good will may speak like Abraham on behalf of the innocent victims of poverty, oppression, greed and abuse. Your kingdom come
Your will be done

For all who have asked our prayers that they may find hope and healing in company with Christ our Redeemer.

Your kingdom come ...**Your will be done**

That we may persist in prayer, no matter how discouraged we may be by life's misfortunes. For those who find it difficult to pray and those who guide them,

Your kingdom come ...
That the Father will raise to the new life of the Risen Jesus the soul of Fr. Peter

Your kingdom come ...**Your will be done**

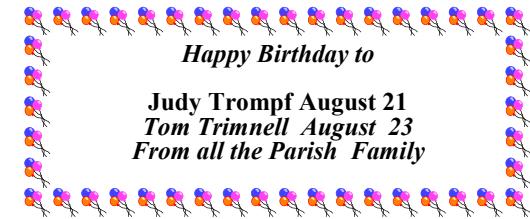
Loving Father, we know you hear our prayers. May the Spirit in which we ask these things, inspire us and enable us to make these prayers a reality. For you are our God forever and ever. Amen.

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 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.