

## dNews

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## Fr. David's easy quiz

The Patron Saint of London is

- St. John
- St. Peter
- St. Swithun
- St. Paul

## Fr. David's hard quiz

Who was the first person to publish a version of the Bible translating directly from Hebrew and Greek texts into (Modern Early) English and utilising the newly developed medium of print?

- John Wesley
- John Henry Newman
- William Tyndale
- John Wycliffe

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: 40 years

Hard Quiz: Reena Burton

**Meow + squawk + woof = 12/10/25**

## 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 24th August 2025

### Faith in Community

'Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it' Hebrews 13:2.

On many occasions my husband and I have been the recipient of kindness from strangers. A truck driver who stopped to help us change a tyre; a young man who carried our luggage up a steep staircase; the spontaneous offer of a seat on the bus. Kindness is something we can all practice. One of the ways in which many churches are showing kindness is in running ESL classes for those among us who are learning English. Virtually all of us born here can do this, and it is a great gift. It requires time and compassion. Is this not what the God's word teaches us to give?

*Question for thought:*

*Are we hospitable to those who come amongst us from elsewhere?*

Father of all, we give thanks for the Dioceses of Yangon and Hpa-An in Myanmar and the deep faith of Mothers Union members there. Please uphold them in a challenging political situation and we pray that they may have courage as they help share your love with those in need, and offering both physical support and emotional encouragement. We pray too, for members in Wangaratta, Victoria as they share God's love in visiting the sick with prayer support and encouragement. **Amen.**



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 24th August 2025

# WELCOME

*Sentence:* Psalm 71.5–6

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth.

*Collect*

O God, the Judge of all, through the saving blood of your Son you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken: fill us with reverence and awe in your presence, that in thanksgiving we and all your Church may offer you acceptable worship; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Parish Directory

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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.

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	27th August	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	30th August	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	31st August	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Sue	Reader 2: Jannie	Intercessor: Susan	Sidesmen: Linley & Denise
Eucharist Assistant: Jannie			

## Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, <sup>5</sup> 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' <sup>6</sup> Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God ! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.' <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord .' <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalms 71.1-6*

1. To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.
2. **In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: incline your ear to me and save me.**
3. Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock, and my stronghold
4. **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked: from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**
5. For you, Lord, are my hope: you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

**6. On you have I leaned since my birth: you are he that brought me out of my other's womb, and my praise is of you continually.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12.18-29

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' <sup>27</sup> This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot

way, this role reversal, this piercing, reaching, ache for adequate words in her speech to parliament after the massacre in Christchurch in 2019 where 51 people were killed and 89 others were injured.

She said

"We gather here, 14 days on from our darkest of hours. In the days that have followed the terrorist attack on the 15th of March, we have often found ourselves without words.

What words capture the anguish of our Muslim community being the target of hatred and violence? What words express the grief of a city that has already known so much pain?

We may have left flowers, performed the haka, sung songs or simply embraced. But even when we had no words, we still heard yours, and they have left us humbled and they have left us united.

They were simple words, repeated by community leaders who witnessed the loss of their friends and loved ones. Simple words, whispered by the injured from their hospital beds. Simple words, spoken by the bereaved and everyone I met who has been affected by this attack.

I thought there were no words but then I came here and was met with this simple greeting. Your greeting. As-salaam Alaikum. Peace be upon you."

In order to foster an encounter ... First, bring your empty bowl.

**Next week's homily**

Help, my cistern is busted!

**We had such a good time.**

On Saturday 2nd of August a social 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.

There are only 10 tables. (5 are already booked) Get excited!

BYO knowledge, food and drinks.

A sense of humour mandatory.

For more information contact:

Susan M- 0408528781

**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:**

- Thursday 11th September 2025
- Luncheon and Film
- At Hamilton PAC
- "Downton Abbey"  
The Grand Finale

Enjoy a delicious Lunch from 11.30 am sharp followed by the movie .

Tickets @ \$25

To help with catering on the day or if you can make a slice or cake please contact

Judy P. 0428712591 or

Shirley G. 0478940724

## Today's Homily

### To foster an encounter ... Bring your empty bowl.

It was a quirky little phrase that got my mind ticking and thinking. It could be a catchphrase for one of those dating app thingy's. A way through to the screen to foster an encounter with someone who you probably haven't met before. An encounter that hopefully might be fruitful and joyous. But the person who said or wrote 'To foster an encounter' was a Christian religious leader of many people and so they were obviously talking about encounters of another sort. Encounters with other people, encounters with the living presence of The Risen Christ. How do we foster, encourage, allow, make possible these encounters? A few quirky reflections from my desk. Encounters with others and encounters with the Risen Master sometimes happen by chance and sometimes by our consciously seeking, making an effort. So part of this 'fostering of encounters' business is to make conscious decisions to actually encounter others and to encounter Him. We place ourselves in the right time and space in order for this experience, this meeting, to occur. There is an effort to be made. All familiar and logical and things you have heard before. But peel back the first layer of the onion skin and ask yourself this. Do I encourage others to foster the possibility of an encounter through me? In modern lingo, am I the screen through which others might be tempted to click on a link which leads them deeper into the mystery of the God who adores them. It seems to me that in order for others to encounter the Messiah via me, I first must have encountered Him myself and that

somehow my attitude, my words, my countenance, my ambience must demonstrate clearly that encountering Him is a joyous and marvellous meeting and an ongoing relationship with the one who can never give up on us. Perhaps it's not all that much different from a dating app after all. So having an attitude of joy, maybe even chortling or giggling sometimes, seems to be a good place to start. And showing forth that you are loved and that you KNOW that you are loved, must make a distinctive and discernible difference in how we live and how we interact with others and how they find us. But there is a bit of risk here. And the risk is this. That we think that just because we have had the awesome privilege of encountering The Master that we have all the answers and that we've got Him and others haven't. That it's all gooey and mushy and lightning and rainbows and clearly the slick solutions and 8 character passwords are exclusively ours. But so often when we seek and encounter those who need us, who are most broken, we find that actually we do not have the magic words after all. That instead of smart and savvy phrases all we can offer are our tears and emptiness. Instead of bandaids and fixing it all instantly with solutions, we find to our horror that we are cursed with the most appalling void of inadequacy and there are no words. Instead of us bringing an encounter to the crumpled ones, in our incompetence and dereliction of solutions, the broken and smashed are the faces of the bruised Him and they actually foster us with an encounter of the pierced Saviour. So in order to foster an encounter, maybe we should just come with an empty bowl and allow ourselves to be filled with their peace ... His love ... His peace. Jacinda Arden eloquently captured this upside down, round the wrong / right

be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

**Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13.10-17

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**

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each

of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

For the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



### 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.



## 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

Norman Dale Elsie O'Malley Raymond Gibbons Luera Honsburgh Robert Hanley R Price Emily Slater Ian Harrip Eric Read	Cecil Hagar Gael Blackwood Edward Williamson Patricia Hayward Jean Neaves Minnie Sloan George Cable Raymond Sheen Richard Ibbott	Matewai Paenga Frances Featherstonhaugh William Binder William Scholfield Myra Holdsworth John Young George Gaskin Sibyl Hannah Bolivslawa Joseph
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- Church of the Province of South East Asia
- Mission to Seafarers: Bishop Keith Joseph and Bishop Jeremy James
- Lower Glenelg: Wendy Morecroft, Alan Ford (dcn), Brian Leinker (dn), Judy Macpherson (dcn)
- Simbai
- Those responsible for national economic & social policy

## 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**  
**512 568 272 333**

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

The Response to the bidding:  
"We pray to our God" ... is ... "Who emptied Himself for us"

We pray to our God ..... **Who emptied Himself for us**

For the Holy Church of God celebrating the banquet of heaven at the altar today. For Garry our Bishop and Bishop Scott who assists him. For the parish of Stawell and those who provide ministry there  
*We pray to our God ..... Who emptied Himself for us*

That, in their selfless love and care for their families, parents and guardians may teach their children the limitless and unconditional love of God  
*We pray to our God ..... Who emptied Himself for us*

For those who feel excluded or neglected from the banquet. For fresh ways of reaching out and reconciliation to be found. For all gathered at this Eucharistic altar, that we may finally come to take our place at the feast in the kingdom of God  
*We pray to our God ..... Who emptied Himself for us*

For our departed loved ones that they may find eternal life in Christ, the Way, the Truth and Life. Especially those who have died alone without priest, sacrament or family and the recently departed.....  
*We pray to our God ..... Who emptied Himself for us*

Father of all nations may the spirit of community which brings us together bring us and all people together to your table in your heavenly kingdom where we will rejoice in you forever. 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

## In Fr. David's diary for September 18th

1:30pm Fund raising Committee  
5:30pm Parish Council

## Snag a Snag at Coles on Grand Final day.

**Plotting and planning for our fete** happens on Saturday 6th of September at 10am.

All are very welcome.

## All Souls Day

(November 2nd) This year falls on a Sunday.

## Barney said to Fred

"Do you think I need a new lectionary?"

