

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Sometimes in old English Churches you might look up towards the roof and see a grotesque looking statue with water pouring from its mouth. This is actually a representation of...

The Vicar
A gargoye
Beelzebub
Cherubim

Fr. David's hard quiz

The name of our registrar is
Peter Jarvis
Lisa holler
Tony Mould
Jenny Hargraves

The answers from last weeks quiz were:
Easy Quiz: was President of the Diocesan Mothers Union
Hard Quiz: the 29th of September.

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 3rd August 2025

Mary Sumner

'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you' *Isaiah 66:13*

Mary Sumner is rightly famous around the world for her great work in founding what has become 'Mothers Union'. She did this by gathering the mothers of her local community so that they could support one another. And she did it in a way in which people of all backgrounds met in the equality that the Lord decrees when he made us all in his image. She overcame her own shyness with God's help to become an effective speaker, and she was driven by the conviction that motherhood was one of the most important tasks given to humanity. We rightly thank God for her and seek to fulfil her vision in our own time.

Question for thought:

How do we honour and support motherhood? Almighty God, we pray for our members in Juba, South Sudan. We thank you for the faithfulness of members in the midst of conflict amongst tribes. We thank you for the women who have encouraged and helped others to know you as well as equipping their sisters with life skills along with care and support. Lord of all, we pray for the Dioceses of Melbourne and North West Australia as they reach out with your love to their communities whether in a large city or small country towns. Bless them as they gather together to listen to your Word and pray. Amen



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

3rd August 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Colossians 3.1

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Collect

Living God, Judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: through your Spirit give us wisdom, that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	6th August	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	9th August	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	10th August	Eucharist 9.00am	Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1 Judy T	Reader 2: Betty	Intercessor: Nicole	Sidesmen : Sandra & John
Eucharist Assistant: . Susan			

Christ Church Hamilton

**St Mary's
Dunkeld**

**St Peter's
Glenthompson**

**St Mark's
Cavendish**

**All Saints'
Penshurst**

1st Reading: Hosea 1.-11

1 When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 the more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. 3 Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. 4 I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. 5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. 6 The sword rages in their cities it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. 8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. 10 They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. 11 They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

.Psalm 107.1-9; 107.43

1 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.

2 Let the Lord's redeemed say so: whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

3 And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west: from the north and from the south.

4 Some went astray in the wilderness and in the desert: and found no path to an inhabited city;

5 They were hungry and thirsty: and their heart fainted within them.

6 Then they cried to the Lord in their distress: and he took them out of their trouble.

7 He led them by the right path: till they came to an inhabited city.

8 Let them thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does or the children of Adam;

9 For he satisfies the thirsty: and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Whoever is wise, let them observe these things: and consider the loving-kindness of the Lord.

than what you give, no matter the commodity. Time energy, carrots, corn, dollars or cabbages.

When we read this familiar story we know how it all ends. It's a bit like watching a slow car crash and being unable to stop the carnage and catastrophe.

So while we might be tempted to feel anger or envy towards the farmer which is perfectly understandable, a better emotion would be compassion and pity. The farmer was not wealthy at all. He died quite poor.

Sometimes My Home communion guy would simply say

"First, ...Get right with God"

But sometimes he would dress it up a bit more and use this prayer

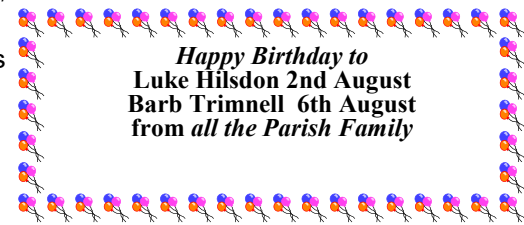
Heavenly Father, when greed triumphs and the poor are betrayed, come to your kingdom.

Strong and holy God, destroy the masks of selfishness and ego and fill us with the riches of your poverty through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next week's homily
Meet Mary Sumner

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.



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

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

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.

Today's Homily

First...Get right with God.

He was a wise crusty old gent. Someone who had a sharp tongue and soft heart. A no nonsense guy with few pennies, but lavish hospitality.

The first couple of times when I went to take him communion at home I asked "Would you like to have a chat first or communion? His repose was instinctive, forthright and confident.

"No! When we get right with God first, then we have the best chance of sorting ourselves out. And with that lovely beaming moon face of his, he would look at me with a wry grin and say "Afterwards we can sort out the Church of God". His wisdom was incisive and always helpful. If you get right with God first, everything else falls into its proper place, although I have to admit, that we never did quite manage to sort out the Church of God. However, I always came away with the assurance that at least my friend and I were tidy, contrite, blessed and refreshed.

Having lost money in the GFC and being diagnosed with something ugly and unpleasant, my companion knew today's gospel very well. He also had the clever knack of putting the gospel stories into an accessible language so here is how he would have told it to his great grandchildren.

Once upon a time There was a corn farmer who couldn't help but get rich because the ground he owned was rich and fertile. It never got blown away with dust storms because it always rained exactly when it should and the sun shone exactly when it should. All he had to do was plant seeds.... And up came the most luscious crops. The farmer had more than anyone else, even Abe next door. One year he had so much corn it wouldn't all fit in his barn. It was bursting at the seams. So he drew up plans to build a much bigger barn – I mean...really big. Bigger than Coles supermarket warehouse. But when harvest came around next year – even that

wasn't big enough. Probably because he had also planted carrots. No problem thought the farmer – I'll build an even bigger barn – this one will be humungous.

This was by now the biggest barn anyone had ever seen... Like ever. Even on land-line. He had a frightful time getting town planning to approval but in the end. It was still too small for the corn and carrots and by now the farmer was also growing a few cabbages on the side. So the farmer decided that this time he wouldn't mess about and he would build a barn so huge there was no possibility it could be filled. The barn almost touched the sky and the farmer thought to himself, tomorrow, when I bring in my huge harvest, I can simply stop, and enjoy myself. From here on I will have a wild party. But that night wasn't going to end nicely for the farmer....because that was the night God told him his time was up – his days were done, his life was over. Jesus says – how silly for the man to spend his whole life storing up riches for himself, and not having treasure in heaven. My home Communion guy would make the obvious but necessary point that the rich farmer was so driven by accumulating his produce that he had forgotten the generous God that had made it all possible in the first place.

He was so focussed on getting his planning application through council and trying to find a way around the cyclone proof question on the form, that he had no mental space or energy for those who were sleeping rough and hungry in town. And forget about going on "Farmer wants a wife" and finding someone special to cuddle and share his wealth with. That was never going to happen.

Part of the sadness of this story is not the farmer's sudden and shocking demise. The thing that makes my heart twinge and writhe is the wasted potential. There is so much that he could have accomplished and so many lives he could have enriched and changed. The rich farmer would never understand that you always get back more

1 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3 for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices 10 and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 11 In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia alleluia!

'Blessed the poor in spirit
The Kingdom of heaven is theirs'
Alleluia

The Holy Gospel Luke 12.13-21

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Gospel of the Lord
According to St Luke

.13 Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14 But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16 Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18 Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20 But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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

Ida Ritter Mary Steele Elsa Laidlaw Emma De Kievit Stehen Slater	Dillon Forte Edgar Gleeson Robert McLeod Margaret Hildon Inez Harald Wesley Stone	Eunice Walker Elwyn Dark Marjorie Dacomb Kathleen Sandison Effie Woods Lorraine Griffiths
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For the wider Church and its ministry

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Armidale: Rod Chiswell
Bathurst: Mark Calder
St Paul's Ballarat. Thomas Edayal.
Diocesan Missionary Council - Alice Knight
Aiome & Ainong
Perpetrators and victims of violence in the home.

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
569 464 362 444

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding :

'You anoint my head with oil' ...is ... **'and my cup overflows'**.

'You anoint my head with oil' ... **'and my cup overflows'**.

God is our refuge and strength, caring for us from the morning to the evening of our days. But He also calls us to be responsible. Let us be attentive as we pray together today. That the love of Christ may be the object of every prayer and work of our Church and parish community. For Garry our Bishop and Bishop Scott who assists him. We offer up our prayers for Archdeacon Michael and God's people of St. Peter's Ballarat

You anoint my head with oil **and my cup overflows**

For a just and equitable sharing of the world's resources. For those who are wealthy and those who are impoverished. We pray especially for those who will use the services of Anglicare this week and those who will minister to their needs.

You t my head with oil **and my cup overflows**.

For those who are irresponsible with the gifts God has given them and those who are unable to see how wealthy they are. That God's Spirit of enlightenment may come to their aid and that they may respond accordingly. That we may all see through the vain and foolish things that can clutter our lives and ensnare us.

You anoint my head with oil...**and my cup overflows**

For those who have asked our prayers and are impoverished by ill health, bereavement or disappointment. That we may be faithful in our vocation to care for them.

You anoint my head with oil... **and my cup overflows**.

For those who have been called home to be with the Lord. We pray especially for the recently departed

You anoint my head with oil... **and my cup overflows**

Holy Lord and Father, may your favour be upon us as you receive the prayers we make. Turn our thoughts from the things of earth as we celebrate these mysteries of heaven, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 Cumming as Guardian of Glenthompson. There are some spots on the Parish Council if you would like to join us or even just come and see what we 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.



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.