

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Jacky and David's corgi in new York is named

- Woof
- Fido
- Myf
- Glutton

Fr. David's hard quiz

Our Blessing of pet service this year is on..

- October 5th
- October 12th
- September 28th
- Actually, it's been cancelled for this year.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: St Paul

Hard Quiz: William Tyndale

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 31st August 2025

Special Community

'Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure' Hebrews 13:4.

So important is the union of a man and a woman in marriage, that we are told both to honour our parents and also to leave them. If God wills, the new marriage will be a home with children, and the family is the very first community of which we are usually aware. In God's normal provision each child is granted a mother and father who will protect and nurture them, shaping their characters for the experience of adulthood. It is not surprising, therefore, that the marriage bond is protected by God's word and we are commanded to honour it. This is something which Mary Sumner understood and from her care for family has come the Mothers' Union and its charter to care for marriage and family life. Thank God for our founder.

Question for thought:

Do I pray without ceasing for the children in my family and beyond?

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the over 800 members In Southwark Diocese in England praying and working together to share Christ's love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. We pray too, for the Diocese of Gloucester as they seek to demonstrate and share their Christian faith in their communities. Amen.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	3rd September	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	6th September	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	7th September	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld
Reader 1: Stewart	Reader 2: Robyn	Intercessor: Robyn	Sidesmen: Jenny & Sue
Eucharist Assistant: Heather			



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

31st August 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 14.11

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Collect

O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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

⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' ⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. ⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. ⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 81.1, 81.10–16

1. O sing joyfully to God our strength: shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.

2. **'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt: open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.'**
11. 'But my people would not listen to my voice: and Israel would have none of me.'
12. **'So I left them to the stubbornness of their hearts: to walk according to their own designs.'**
13. 'If only my people would listen: if Israel would but walk in my ways,
14. **'I would soon put down their enemies: and turn my hand against their adversaries.'**
15. 'Those that hate the Lord would cringe before him: and their punishment would last for ever.'
16. **'But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat: and satisfy you with honey from the rocks.'**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13.1–8, 15–16

¹ Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of

ly chipped and damaged by the cares and worries of our life. Thousands of years later Jesus is at Jacobs well where he asks the woman for a drink but in turn also offers her something much more. The living water. And there are times in our life when our own cistern has run dry and the living water has evaporated. When there seems to be nothing left to offer those who are closest to us, who need us most and perhaps even to replenish and refresh ourselves. It's tempting then to shake our fist at God and ask for more water, but perhaps in our deeper and more honest reflection, we might ask ourselves **why** the cistern is dry. Perhaps water has been seeping out for a while to other places, other priorities, other distractions and we haven't realised it. Perhaps we weren't attentive to the maintenance of that place within us where the living water sparkles. There are times when we need to take time out to simply attend to the maintenance of our own cistern and make sure it is water tight and there times when we need to simply say Help, My cistern is busted!

Next week's homily
'In the poo'

**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
Thank you to everyone who has kindly offered to donate food. It is most appreciated.
Judy P and Shirley G

Mothers' Union Meeting

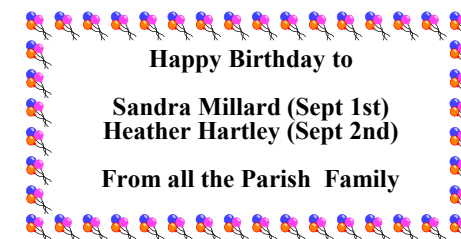
Monday 1st September at 1.30pm in the Hall.
We will be looking at the history of our Hamilton Branch of Mothers' Union.
All welcome

Breakfast of champions.

Anglicare can always use long life milk and breakfast cereal.

On Saturday September 27th it's Grand Final day. You know... beanies and loud cheers. It's also a day to come and buy a lovingly cooked sausage outside Coles to support your parish.

Church Lectionary During September we are taking orders for next year's church lectionary. Please clearly print your name on the clipboard at the back of Christ Church Hamilton or speak to Fr. David.



Today's Homily

Help, my cistern is busted!

In today's first lesson Jeremiah sallies forth and gives his listeners quite a tirade. He finishes with these telling lines

"My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me,

the spring of living water,

and have dug their own cisterns,

broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

Now when we think of a cistern in 2025 we think of the container of water above the loo. But this is not what Jeremiah was talking about when he gave this lecture to the people of Israel.

For Jeremiah and the people of his time, a cistern was an artificial reservoir or tank used for storing water, particularly rainwater. These structures were crucial for survival due to the limited and seasonal rainfall. Cisterns were often dug into the earth or carved from rock, then lined with plaster to prevent leaks. They served as a vital water source, especially during dry seasons.

Cisterns were central to daily life because they provided water for drinking, cooking, and other household needs.

In times of siege, a well-stocked cistern could mean the difference between survival and defeat for a city.

So a well maintained and functioning cistern was essential for the individual and the community. My guess is that it would also have been somewhat of a meeting place as people would gather to get the water they needed, much like we might bump into somebody down aisle 7 of the supermarket when we are hunting and gathering today.

Sometimes a cistern was used as a prison and because Jeremiah's not so quiet little reflection found its mark, some of his listeners decided that it would be ironically appropriate if Jeremiah finished up in a cistern. A cistern that he had claimed was broken. Here's what happened.

"The officials of the king took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into

the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.

But Ebed-Melek, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, Ebed-Melek went out of the palace and said to him, "My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city."

Then the king commanded Ebed-Melek the Cushite, "Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies."

So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. Ebed-Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, "Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes." Jeremiah did so, and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern.

It's pretty obvious that Jeremiah's message had made people petulant but what on earth did he mean by

My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me,

the spring of living water,

and have dug their own cisterns,

broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

In these little lines Jeremiah is pointing out that they have abandoned God and gone after other Gods.

A "broken" cistern is one that is cracked or damaged, and therefore cannot hold water. This signifies that these man-made solutions cannot truly satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. They may offer temporary comfort or pleasure, but they ultimately leave people feeling empty and unfulfilled.

That which is most precious to us and essential for us can seep away from us if our cistern, or our heart is not right. If we are distracted and forgetful of Him who once described himself as the living water springing up to eternal life.

The cistern then for us is that special place, deep in us that we come back to in order to find him and replenish ourselves. It is so easi-

praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord said

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;

for I am meek and lowly in heart

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14.1, 14.7-14

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

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you

give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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.

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

Eva Somers Josephine Watkins Lieselotte Steer Jean Neaves Glenn Lane Lucy Gracie Christopher White Eileen Broadbent Leslie Ritter	Leslie Briley Alan Bald Ian Collins Christian Kolep-Coleman Marlene Campbell William Read Verna Baker Cecil Evans Myrtle Allen	Dulcie Potter Doris Alstin Kathleen Jenkins Dulce Stewart Geoffrey Austin Olga Winfield John Cameron Mona Sutton
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of South India
- Trinity College: Dean—Bob Derrenbacker, faculty and students
- Balob Teachers' College
- All Volunteers

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.

The provision of septic systems for the student and staff houses at the Morawa Institute (formerly Newton Theological College) will be our giving project as we celebrate our 150 years. It costs about \$5000 per septic including installation and kitchen renovations and I hope as a Diocese that we will be able to make a substantial contribution to this project. Your Parish Council decided that one weeks giving would go to this important project.

TODAY'S HYMNS
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Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
"Come Holy Spirit" ... is ... "kindle in us the fire of your love"

"Come Holy Spirit" **"kindle in us the fire of your love"**

Gathered around this altar let us bring to mind those things that are truly important and offer them to God. In thanksgiving for all who serve in the life of this parish. For those who serve on our Parish Council. That they may be strengthened and sustained for the work they are called to do
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

For God's people here in this community that they may make hospitality their chief concern and delight in the people God sends them
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

For all who are involved in the political life of this nation. For discerning and wise reporting by our media. We pray for those who must make unpopular decisions which affect the lives of many
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

For families who are divided by religious differences. For the gifts of mutual understanding and respect one with another.
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

For the poor, the addicted and those who spent last night on our streets. For those who serve them and those who decline help from others.
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

For all who have asked our prayers that they may be given what they truly need by the compassionate father.
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

For the souls of those who have died that they may be given the perfect peace of the resurrection. We pray for the recently departed and those who years mind occurs at this time
"Come Holy Spirit" "kindle in us the fire of your love"

Gracious Father, grant the prayers we have offered in words those which are hidden in our hearts for your Jesus sake **Amen**.

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

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.

So this thing called daylight

saving begins in the early hours of Sunday October 5th. This means that ... Our first 6pm Saturday Vigil mass is on Saturday 11th of October and Penshurst goes to 5pm on Sunday 26th of October.

The Parish Council you elected

is....considering having a bimonthly Church cleaning working bee instead of rostering folk onto the roster. Would you come along/do you have feedback?