

**dNews**

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**Fr. David's easy quiz**

Fr. David...

- Is on the board of electors (the folk who help to choose the next Bishop)
- Is not on the board of electors (the folk who help to choose the next Bishop)

Fr. David is thinking about the remote possibility of being on the board of electors (the folk who help to choose the next Bishop)

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

The Patron saint of toe nails is

- Saint Ugliono
- Saint Matthias
- St. Elizabeth
- St. Eunice
- Actually, there is no patron saint of toe nails

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Exodus

Hard Quiz: Didn't actually make it into the bible at all

**Meow + squawk + woof = our pet blessing on Sunday October 12th**

**Cuppa and Chatter**

It all happens on Thursday at 2.15pm.

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

Sunday 14th September 2025

**Forgiveness**

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you' Ephesians 4 32

The forgiveness we have received from God through Christ, changes our lives. As Jesus taught us, when we have been forgiven so much, we will forgive others for their sins against us. This means that we will not seek to take revenge against another person. Sometimes a person who has offended us is dead. We forgive them also. It can be hard and might take some time. But, inspired by the forgiveness we have received from God, we can decide to forgive and then practise forgiveness. How many families have been torn apart because members will not be forgiving? Forgiveness is the path to peace.

*Question for thought:  
Has the forgiveness of Jesus changed me?*

Loving Lord, we bring before you the nation of Uganda and especially our members in the Dioceses of Namirembe and Sebei as they seek to uphold Biblical family values and encourage families to be in loving, respectful relationships. We pray as they address many social injustices such as female genital mutilation and gender-based violence that they will look to you for your wisdom by your Spirit. **Amen.**



**Anglican Parish of Hamilton**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**14th September 2025**

**WELCOME**

**Sentence: Luke 15.10**

I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

**Collect**

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found: touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love; grant us delight in the mercy that has found us; and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiven sinners. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Wednesday 14th September	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 20th September	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 21st September	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld	
Reader 1: Sandras	Reader 2: Meredith	Intercessor: Meredith	Sidesmen: Meredith & Stewart
Eucharist Assistant: Lofty			

## 1st Reading Jeremiah 4.11–12, 22–28

<sup>11</sup> At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse—<sup>12</sup> a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them. <sup>22</sup> ‘For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.’ <sup>23</sup> I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. <sup>24</sup> I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. <sup>25</sup> I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. <sup>26</sup> I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. <sup>27</sup> For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. <sup>28</sup> Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 14

1. Fools have said in their hearts ‘There is no God’: they have all become vile and abominable in their doings, there is not one that does good.
2. **The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of Adam: to see if there were any who would act wisely and seek after God.**
3. But they have all turned out of the way, they have all alike become corrupt: there is none that does good, no not one.
4. **Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding: who eat up my people**

## as they eat bread, and do not pray to the Lord?

5. They shall be struck with terror: for God is with the company of the righteous.
6. **Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes: surely the Lord is their refuge.**
7. O that deliverance for Israel might come forth from Zion: when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people, then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

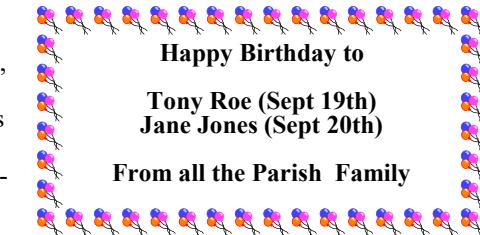
## 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1.1–2, 1.12–19a

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my loyal child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>18</sup> I am giving you these instructions, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies made earlier about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup> having faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have suffered shipwreck in the faith;

and the sweeping done, only then, can our search for him begin. And we shall spend a lifetime keeping the lamp burning, sweeping out the muck and looking diligently, faithfully, sometimes just catching a glimpse, but always knowing that this pursuit is the same relentless enterprise that everyone else is undertaking. Our search will be nearly over when we understand that actually,... He found us a long time ago. We just didn't 'get it' at the start. And it will be finally complete when we come home to that party where all are welcome and celebrated as infinitely precious.

## Next week's homily

Are you ready... because the jig is up?



## 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.

## A Downton Abbey size

### Thankyou (that's really HUGE)

to all those who contributed in any way to the  
EXCEPTIONAL success of the Film  
Fundraiser Event on Thursday. Team work  
made the dream work!!

## Wanted

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

## 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.

## Yippee! It's a working bee at Christ Church Hamilton

on Saturday 20th of September at 9am.  
Dress is strictly daggy.

## Today's Homily

### That silver coin.

One of the things that made our Lord's teaching so attractive was that he often dressed up his message in stories. We still tell them and they still resonate strongly with us.

I strongly suspect that his parables came from real life incidents that he had personally witnessed. The prodigal son... the good Samaritan, perhaps the Master had seen and experienced families and people just like this.

Today's gospel has two mini stories, one about a shepherd and his sheep and the other about a woman and her housekeeping money. I wildly speculate that the Master might well have seen something very much like this silver coin in his own home.

You see the scenario. Mother Mary is about to head off to the market with her 10 silver coins and just as she gets to the door she drops one and it rolls away. "Bother!" she says and putting aside her environmentally friendly tote bag made completely from recyclable fishing net, she begins to hunt for that silver coin. There is much being fraught and worry and panic. It is not an amount of cash that you think ... oh well it's just parking metre money anyway. Loose change.

She lights a lamp so that she can see more clearly, sweeps the house so that the silver coin can be more easily seen and then the hunt is on in earnest. She looks faithfully, diligently, persistently, relentlessly. She can not give up, she will not give up, until the coin is found.

It does not matter how long it takes, or how much energy is expended in this search, the crusade does not end, will not end, until that silver coin is found.

When the coin is finally found in the most obvious place of course, something quite special occurs. The joy of finding the coin is not something to be squirrelled secretly away and kept to herself. The joy is too great and so potent. It would be like trying to keep your engagement to your beloved a secret.

No ... nothing less than a party will do. Friends and neighbours gather around, bring food and drink and celebrate what might seem

to be insignificant (I mean people lose and find coins all the time right) but is actually a marvellous occasion.

In this story we are given a glimpse into the immeasurable, unquantifiable joy of heaven. You can't stuff it into a box and say there it is. It jumps out at you and expands and unfolds and fills every possible space. I theorise that one of the reasons why the Master often used the imagery of a party to describe heaven, is because he watched Joseph and Mary entertain. And it would be a natural progression then for him to go to the wedding at Cana, to dinner parties and maybe quite a few other social events that aren't recorded for us. He would be the sort of guy that you would want to invite to your table. The one that has some rather interesting stories to tell. He would light up the room, say some wise things and you would find yourself laughing ... a lot and wanting more, always more.

A few things to draw out of this story. The good news of the Messiah is not something we keep to ourselves. The good news is to be celebrated and we are called to invite others to come along to our parties.

Each and every one of us, like the silver coin, is absolutely, crucially vital. We are essential to God and whilst we might think he has gazillions of angels and saints and parishioners, every last single one is needed. Sometimes we might feel like we are undervalued and not as shiny as the newly minted coin that we are called to be, but that is not how the Master sees us.

And like the woman, we will find that God cannot give up in His quest for us until we are brought safely home, and we know that we are worth a neighbourhood street party.

Something else I learnt only this year when I had reread the gospel a few times.

There is a clear direction about lighting a lamp, doing the sweeping and searching. How come I'd never picked up on this before 2025? Our search for him begins with lighting our own lamp, reading our bible, coming to the altar, saying our prayers so that our souls may be illuminated and we begin to see things a little more clearly.

We are called to sweep away the grunge and dust that so easily and readily gets in every crevice and crease. When the lamp is bright

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life  
**Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15.1–10

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>1</sup> Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?'<sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost."<sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?'<sup>9</sup> When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."<sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

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

## PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday 3rd October at 7pm in the Church Hall.

- \$10 per head- BYO nibbles and drinks.
- Please let Susan M know whether you are coming- and how many people are joining you.
- I have several tables of 10 already booked- and if you cannot organise a table just let me know if you are coming and I will add you to a table. The more the merrier- and the more brain power available the less pressure on individuals to perform!!
- There will be many opportunities to boost your tables score without knowing too much intellectual stuff.
- This is primarily a social night for the Parish- but a fund raiser as well as we DO NEED the funds to top up our budget.
- Susan Mason- Ph 0408 528 781

### You too... can help to plot for our Fete's Success.

On Saturday 4th of October at 10:00am all are Welcome.

### Here's a plethora of ways to help with our Fete.

- ◆ Spread the word
- ◆ Take home a leaflet and / or a poster.
- ◆ Pot up some plants
- ◆ Bake some cakes and slices
- ◆ Donate some goodies for the raffles. eg wine, chocolates, biscuits etc.
- ◆ Donate some of your Bric a Brac to the Treasure stall
- ◆ Major heavy lifting setting up happens on Wednesday 5th of November after 3pm.
- ◆ Putting out produce and goodies on the day of the fete.

## For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need and those who are preparing for surgery

Beatrix Bishop Garry	Vivian McKellar Heather M	Bishop Scott & his family
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For those who have died

Gwenda Slade Brodie Millard Elsie Sandison Jim Durward Stepen Mallinson Bertran Shillitoe Effie Stanley	John Morrisey David Murchison Robert Stapylton Nita Cox Daniel Lanigan Michael Stanley Rebecca Leske	Elsie Slater Mary Meade Jean Drew Ethel Sandison Dorothea Crossley Maxwell Eagles
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- For the wider Church and its ministry
- The Anglican Church of South America
- Perth: Kay Goldsworthy, Kate Wilmot, David Bassett & Hans Christiansen  
North West Australia: Darrell Parker
- Wendouree: Denis Sotiriadis.
- Koko
- The elderly and those who care for them in institutions and at home.  
Senior citizen groups.

### 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.

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

The response to the bidding:  
“Loving Father”... is ... “Bring us back to you”.

**Loving Father...Bring us back to you.**

That the church may be a place of reconciliation and forgiveness for the lost, the abandoned and the alienated. For Garry our Bishop, and Bishop Scott who assists him. Bless the parish of the West Wimmera and those who provide ministry there

**Loving Father...Bring us back to you**

For those who feel enslaved and lost in sin. That they may know the love of Our Lord who will go to any lengths to rescue them and love them back into His closer presence

**Loving Father...Bring us back to you**

For all who have asked our prayers; especially those who are suffering from bereavement at this time. Be close to those who we know personally and those whose grief is hidden from us.....

**Loving Father...Bring us back to you**

For our own selves when we have wandered far from the Lord. That we may have the courage and devotion to the One who will always welcome us home.

**Loving Father...Bring us back to you**

For those who have been called home to the joy of heaven. Especially the recently departed. Gwen and Dorothy  
**Loving Father...Bring us back to you**

Loving Father, we come to you in prayer. In imitation of your Son, may we search out the lost, welcome the poor to our table and accompany those who suffer. We ask this in the name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

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

### 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?

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**99 731 187 656**