

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

At the Synod Eucharist

- Fr. David will be consecrated bishop
- Deacon Keith Romanis will be priested
- Bishop Scott Lowrey will be made Archbishop of New York
- Bishop Gary will wear purple socks

Fr. David's hard quiz

The patron saint of surgeons is...

- St. Boniface
- St. Luke
- St. Matthias
- St. Anesthesia

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Fr David is not on the board of electors (the folk who help to choose the next Bishop)

Hard Quiz: Actually, there is no patron saint of toe nails

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

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 21st September 2025

Reconciliation

'Therefore, if you are offering your gift on the altar and there remember your brother or sister has something against, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift' Matthew 5:32-24

'Reconciliation' has become a popular word. It often describes the desired relationship between two people groups. But it is also an important element in personal relationships. A man I knew once wronged his wife. In the end he repented and sought the forgiveness, which she gave. Their marriage could not resume, and he accepted that. But they were friends and worked together as much as possible for the sake of their children. In other words, they were reconciled. Repentance and forgiveness led to peace between them. This is something God offers us and that we should seek ourselves in our human relations.

Question for thought:

Am I reconciled to God and to others?

Almighty God, again we bring before you members in South Sudan in the Diocese of Rumbek as they care and support widows, orphans and people with disability. May they continue to grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus so they can stand against persecution and not be overwhelmed by Islamic militants. **Amen.**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 21st September 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: 2 Corinthians 8.9

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

Collect

O God, you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 24th September Holy Communion 10.00am Christ Church Hamilton

Saturday 27th September Vigil 5.00pm Christ Church Hamilton

Sunday	28th September	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton
		Eucharist 4.00pm	All Saints' Penshurst

Reader 1: Sam	Reader 2: Eileen	Intercessor: Susan	Sidesmen: Sandra & John
Eucharist Assistant: John			

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

¹⁸ My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹ Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') ²⁰ 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' ²¹ For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. ²² Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ¹ O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 79.1-9

1. O God, the heathen have come into your land: they have defiled your holy temple, they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
2. **They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the air: and the flesh of your faithful ones to the wild beasts of the earth.**
3. Their blood they have spilt like water on every side of Jerusalem: and there is none to bury them.
4. **We have become a mockery to our neighbours: the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.**
5. How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme: will your jealous fury burn like fire?
6. **Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you: on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**
7. For they have devoured Jacob: and made his dwelling-place a desolation.

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8. **Do not remember against us the sin of former times: but let your compassion hasten to meet us, for we are brought very low.**
9. Help us, O God our saviour, for the honour of your name: O deliver us and expiate our sins, for your name's sake.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-10

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For here is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸ I desire, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument; ⁹ also that the women should dress themselves modestly and decently in suitable clothing, not with their hair braided, or with gold, pearls, or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good works, as is proper for women who profess reverence for God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!
For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.
Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16.1-13

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

of the grave. Each day must count, every relationship must be enhanced and enjoyed, every conversation matters and how we use our fleeting finances is an indispensable part of how we are to live in this life and how we will be judged. We are only stewards for a little while and like the dishonest steward sometimes painful sacrifices need to be made. Our stuff was and is, never really completely, totally, forever and ever, ours anyway. Our real, lasting authentic riches, like our real, lasting and authentic home is not on this side of the grave. So... Are you ready? Because the jig is up and we need to start practising for heaven

Next week's homily
Who is Mr Nobody?

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.

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.

Q. What do Tinned Tomatoes and Long Life Milk have in common?
A. They are both on the Anglicare list of things that are useful.

Socks for Synod
Inside the church porch at Christ Church Hamilton there is a specially marked tub 'Socks for Synod'. If you are able to donate a pair of socks to be taken up to synod for those who are disadvantaged, please just simply place them in the tub or you can give them to Fr. David.

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Lord, teach us to pray is a simple booklet with some of our finest classic Anglican prayers. Copies are available

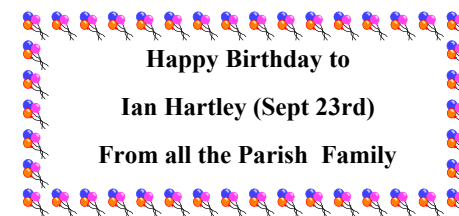
- at the back of Christ Church,
- from the internet <https://ballaratanglican.org.au/teachus2pray/>
- or from Fr. David.

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.

Fr. David's 634# error

Some of you will have noticed in the pew sheet that we were seeking feedback about the possibility of having a periodic working bee to clean the Church. This would be in **addition to, not instead of** the cleaning that happens through the faithful rostered people.



Today's Homily

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

First up, a bit of context. Luke is the only one to tell us today's parable. He will place it between two other parables that are also unique to him.

Just before today's gospel we have the story of the prodigal son. And following on from today's parable we have the tale of the rich man and Lazarus. You see Luke's got a bit of a theme happening here.

In the parable of the prodigal son we have the wayward son who squanders his dad's living in seedy nightclubs and on slow horses. In today's parable we have the dishonest steward who squanders his master's share portfolio while the parable of the rich man and Lazarus begins with 'There was once a rich man who used to feast sumptuously and dress in fine purple'.

When we come on a Sunday, we usually get just one gospel story and we can easily forget that the one we hear is linked with others in a theme. We only get the ham in the sandwich. Today's story revolves around a rich man who calls his steward to account for poor management of his estate.

Faced with losing his position, yet unwilling to make a living as a labourer or through begging, the steward decides instead to summon his master's debtors one by one. After asking each of them what they owe, he then acquits a large portion of their debts so as to ingratiate himself towards them ahead of his impending dismissal.

Then comes the confusing part. The steward now has a track record of undermining his master's financial interests. But when the master discovers everything that has taken place, rather than become angry at the steward, he praises him instead:

The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence; for the sons of this world are wiser in their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations. (Lk 16:8-9)

What's going on here? The conclusion of the

parable is startling, but that shouldn't come as a surprise. The Master has a disquieting habit of telling us a shocking story to grab our attention and shake us out of our complacency. With that in mind, several things can be said about the interpretation of the passage.

To begin with, we should notice that the master praises the unjust steward not for his dishonesty but for his prudence. Indeed, Jesus goes out of His way to clarify that those who are dishonest in small things will be dishonest in great things (v. 10), and He directly cautions against those who serve the almighty dollar instead of Almighty God (v. 13).

Clearly, then, the steward in question is not being held up as a good guy to be imitated; he may in fact be in grave spiritual danger.

Nevertheless, while the moral conduct of the steward leaves something to be desired, the urgency with which he faces his predicament is admirable. So as this unjust steward is willing to go to extreme lengths to save his livelihood, how much more so should you and I be willing to go to extreme lengths to put things right.

The dishonest steward is in some ways honest in that he is well aware of his limitations. "I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg".

There is something refreshing in the honesty of those who know their limitations. Knowing your gifts, what you are good at and what you enjoy, is the easy bit. Its often harder to fess up and say I have never been any good with left-handed screw drivers and applying striped paint and I must never pick up a chainsaw... like ever.

What is more Frank (I'm sure I read once that the dishonest steward was Frank, because he is Frank about his situation)

Frank knows that he is in a crisis and he never tries to pretend otherwise. As redundancy draws ever closer 'she will not be right' at all. Things need to be done, put in place, so that when he does have to front up to Centrelink he at least has some friends who will feed him and maybe give him a bed for the night.

There is a call for us here. A vocation for us to take our spiritual shortcomings seriously and to actually do something about them. We need to be ready and we need to be honest. The jig is up. All of us have a limited time on this side

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.' ² So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." ³ Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg." ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" ⁶ He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷ Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?' ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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.
- ◆ Any knitted, Sewn or craft items you enjoy knitting

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

Arhur Austin Patricia Sheills Raymond Keating Margaret Kennett Derrick Strawford Ian Sparrow George Green Harold Price	Agnes Welch Alberts Grant Christina Hawkins Alfred Fraser Edward Gardiner Irene Hammond" Eric Cockerell Thomas Jasper	Barry Dunbar Susan White William Menzal Vincent Cameron Elsie Fitzgerald Zelma Pryor Alan Pratt
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• For the wider Church and its ministry

- Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Wangaratta: Clarence Bester
- Movi
- Neglected and abused children.
Those in fostercare.

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
257 376 605 327

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:

Dear LordisPlease answer our prayers

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for everyone who is being affected by war, especially families who are now homeless, families who have lost family members and who have lost family animals. We pray that the wars end very soon and the people will be able to lead a quiet life.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for Bishop Garry, Bishop Scott who assists him, and all clergy in the Ballarat Diocese and their families that you Lord keep them well and safe.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for people who are suffering from homelessness that they can find accommodation very soon. We pray for our friends who are being affected by illness that they can improve their situation and recover quickly.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for people who speak and follow Christ's teachings, that are not Clergy, that they can speak without fear of being silenced.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

We pray for the recently departed that

you Lord keep them and their families in your embrace.

Dear Lord....**Please answer our prayers.**

Lord please protect us and love us all who follow you so that we can live a life with your love.

Amen



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.