

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

At Synod ...Fr. David

- Is spirited and enthusiastic speaker.
- Helps draft tedious legislation and answer tricky questions
- Quietly sits in the back row and drinks it all in.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The Clergy Retreat conductor this year is

- One of the Pallotti Fathers
- The new Archbishop of Melbourne
- Rev. Wendy Morecroft
- Fr. Ian Howarth
- Actually it hasn't been decided yet.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Deacon Keith Romanis will be priested

Hard Quiz: St Luke

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

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Monday 6th October at 1.30pm in the hall. We are doing a craft activity and anyone is welcome to attend.

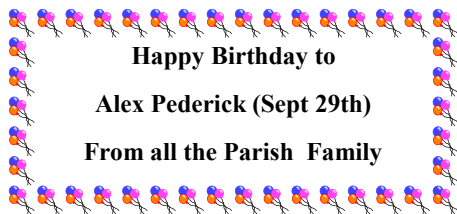
A Hefty Thanks to all those who helped with the working bee last week. Much was accomplished... Thanks to you!

A Grand Final size Thank You

to all those who helped in any way with the sausage sizzle outside of Coles yesterday

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.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	1st October	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	4th October	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	5th October	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Ian	Reader 2: Helen	Intercessor: Helen	Sidesmen: Gladys & Dianne
Eucharist Assistant: Heather			



Anglican Parish of Hamilton Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 28th September 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: James 5.16

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

Collect

O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you: grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that in your light we may see light, and in your narrow path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ² At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³ where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord : I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; ⁶ Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord , and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord . ⁹ And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰ I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹ Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹² and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³ In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

2 Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 91.1-6, 91.14-16

1 Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High: who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 They will say to the Lord 'You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust.'

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter: and from the destroying curse.

4 He will cover you with his wings, and you will be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness will be your shield and defence.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night: or of the arrow that flies by day,

6 Of the pestilence that walks about in darkness: or the plague that destroys at noonday.

14 'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord, 'and therefore I will deliver you: I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.

15 'When you call upon me I will answer you: I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.

16 'With long life I will satisfy you: and fill you with my salvation.'

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6.6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all

have never made any sense to us. But if we persist and look afresh upon the face of the unlovely, one day we will arrive.

And we will know we have arrived when we confront our insecurities, when we are challenged by that which seems uncomfortable and disagreeable. When we gaze upon those whose wounds are licked by dogs and who are on our doorstep... those who will sleep rough and cold and hungry whilst we feast sumptuously. 'Go and learn what this means' said Jesus. 'What I desire is mercy not sacrifice.' Become a somebody. Not a nobody.

Next week's homily

Want more faith? First, put on your apron

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.

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.

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 Peshurst 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.

Tallyho Thursday the 16th of October.

You too are welcome at
The Fundraising committee 1:30pm
Parish council at 5:30pm

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 crocheted, knitted, sewn or craft items you enjoy creating

Today's Homily

Who is Mr. Nobody?

Over the last three Sundays we've had three stories, all exclusive to Luke and all talking about the misuse of cash.

On the 14th of September we had the parable of the lost coin. Last week we had the dodgy steward who got caught with his hand in the till and set about to win friends and influence people. In today's gospel we have a very clear contrast between the guy who has a truck load of cash and the beggar who has nothing.

Clearly Luke sees our hard earned currency as an integral part of who we are and what the christian life is all about.

Luke is at pains to point out the whopping and stonking sized discrepancy between the poor man in the gutter and the rich man. Purple clothes in Lukes day were the Prada and Gucci of today. Purple dye was expensive to get, so if you dressed in purple as our good friend in the story does, then you knew that you had made it. You were in.

But there is a quirk in this story that I learnt only this year in 2025. The poor man's name is Lazarus. He is a specific, quantifiable knowable person for Jesus. His name "Lazarus," is very appropriate for it means "God has helped."

But there is a prize of a cherry ripe bar to anyone who can tell me the name of the rich guy in today's story. His name ... is ... well... he doesn't get a name. He's Mr. Nobody. What is Luke trying to tell us here?

Here's my guess. That in his repetitive and belligerent disregard for Lazarus and all the poor at his gate, the rich man becomes an anonymous, unknown Mr. nobody. His character and that which should make him who he truly is, is diminished. Ultimately he disappears in the mirage of ostentatious self entitlement. I should hasten to add that His failing is not being wealthy. It's not a sin to have a boatload of cash. The question is what you do with it. The flaw in Mr. Nobody is that he consistently, consciously chooses not to share his wealth. The spot on his soul is his blind-spot to the impoverishment that is on his doorstep. And the real tragedy is that he not only fails to see the poor man and what he

might become, but in his lack of vision the His own potential is unfulfilled. He would flourish if he became generous and he actually enhanced someone else's life, instead of pushing out his own girth. Thus he is visionless to his own self worth. He not only lets the poor man down but more poignantly lets himself down. This is why Luke does not give our entrepreneur a name. The guy in the purple Gucci shirt has become a nobody.

And so the trick is that the rich man in the purple shirt is actually poor and Lazarus gets his name in print for all eternity, to say nothing of his comfy place in Abraham's bosom in heaven.

This dynamic is not only true of the relationships and people we don't know, but also the people and relationships that we do know. We must always say no to the relationships that exclude. Our relationships can be suffocated through indifference and neglect and unwillingness to engage. It is not the cutoff who become nameless and anonymous, it is us because we diminish ourselves and cut ourselves off from the potential that the Master offers. With his pierced hands, the wounded, the neglected, the lonely and the hungry, God offers us continuous opportunities to become wealthy.

In 604 a gentleman called Gregory gave us this insight.

"When we give to the poor what is essential for them, we are not doing them a personal favor, but rather restoring to them what was always rightfully theirs. More than an act of charity, we are fulfilling a duty of justice" We do the right thing because it is the right thing, not just to make the other person feel better, or to make ourselves feel all yummy inside, but because it is what the Master asks of us and that is enough.

It is something we can choose today and every day along our journey. If we can see or sense his living presence in the fragile broken bread and out poured wine it should be an easy step to see him clearly in the fragile and broken in our community.

We choose this journey of selflessness. And sometimes it will seem smooth and dandy and sometimes it will seem nothing less than just plain hard work. We will rub shoulders and encounter the unglamorous and those who

this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16.19-31

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

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in

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purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.²⁴ He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."²⁵ But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony."²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."²⁷ He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment."²⁹ Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them."³⁰ He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."³¹ He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

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

TODAY'S HYMNS
517 259 328 740

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

Mabel Jasper Willis Harper Angus Havanagh Denis Belcher Denise Dale Muriel Hyde Judy Marshall	Johanna Hickey Joyce Middenway Jean Hodges Heather Stephens Audrey Noske Vera Membrey Walenti Greaves	Daisy Rankin Claude Lovett Margaret Crawford Timothy Dunbar Leslie Hinchcliffe Leonard Preston Lloyd Allen
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- For the wider Church and its ministry
- Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- Mortlake: Lay leaders and locum.
Prison Chaplaincy: Rob Ferguson & Kate Schnerring
- Tsendiap
- The terminally ill and those in great pain.

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

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.

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
"Compassionate Father" ... is ..
"Teach us to show mercy"

Compassionate Father ... **Teach us to show mercy.**

The rich man's sin was that he knew about the poor man at his gate, yet chose to do nothing for him. May our intercessions always express our concern for others.
That the Church may always reach out to those who are in need. We pray for Garry, our Bishop, Scott who assists him and the parish of Portland. For the people that Reverend Wendy serves. For all who will support our socks for Synod and those who receive the socks
Compassionate Father ... Teach us to show mercy.

For those who direct the finance of the world, that they will commit themselves to the development and justice for all God's people
Compassionate Father ... Teach us to show mercy.

For the unwanted Lazarus's at our own gate. For those who spent last night on our streets and those who used the services of the soup truck.
Compassionate Father ... Teach us to show mercy.

For those who have physical, mental or spiritual wounds that need binding up. For the ministry of our hospitals and institutions, and for those who work in them.

Compassionate Father ... Teach us to show mercy.

That our departed loved ones may enjoy fellowship with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the saints in God's heavenly kingdom. Especially the recently departed.
Compassionate Father ... Teach us to show mercy.

Almighty God, You are the King of kings, yet you cherish the poor and weak. Grant that the prayers we make may inspire us to serve you in the lives of those we find it difficult to love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.