

## dNews

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### Fr. David's easy quiz

The 2nd book of the bible is

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Numbers
- Matthew

### Fr. David's hard quiz

The Gospel of David

- Is the 3rd book of the Old Testament
- The 5th book of the New Testament
- Is a novel that Fr. David is writing.
- Didn't actually make it into the bible at all.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Myf

Hard Quiz: October 12th

**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 7th September 2025

#### Peace

'Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ' Romans 5:1

The very first thing we need in life is peace with God. He holds our lives and he holds our future in his hand. Everything depends on him. He is a just God, which is good news since we want justice to reign. But it does mean that we are alienated from him. But Good News! By his provision of his beloved Son, Jesus, in whom we put our faith, we have been granted peace. When we have peace with God our future is assured, and we live through all the ups and downs of life. We were alienated, but we are now reconciled. All this through the love of God.

*Question for thought:*

*How do I know that God loves me?*

Loving Father in heaven, we pray for the Dioceses of Southern Nyanza in Kenya and Oke-Osun in Nigeria. Please give wisdom to members in Southern Nyanza as they support those faced with the challenges of unemployment, crime, poverty and lack of food. May they have the opportunity to share the love of God through their faith in you. We also pray for the members in Oke-Osun as they often face persecution. Give them courage to be steadfast in trusting you. **Amen.**



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 7th September 2025

# WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 14.27

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Jesus cannot be his disciple.

### Collect

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times: grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows, so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work you have set before us; 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.**

### 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.

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 10th September Holy Communion 10.00am Christ Church Hamilton

Saturday 13th September Vigil 5.00pm Christ Church Hamilton

Sunday 14th September Eucharist 9.00am St Peter's Glenthompson  
Eucharist 10.30am Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Gladys	Reader 2: Tai	Intercessor: Sue	Sidesmen: Helen & Illford
Eucharist Assistant: Susan			

### Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord : <sup>2</sup> ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ <sup>3</sup> So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup> The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he re-worked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup> Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord . Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup> And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup> but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup> Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord : Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

*Psalm* 139.1–5, 139.12–18

1. O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
2. **You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**
3. For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

4. **You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.**
5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.
12. **For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**
13. I will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
14. **You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**
15. Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written;
16. **Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.**
17. How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!
18. **Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

2nd Reading: Philemon 1.1–25

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup> to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup> yet I would ra-

we really did love each other and it was when we were really deep in the poo, that we knew that we loved each other and we did some of our finest work together. That’s when we knew we were truly married.”  
Maybe it is when we are in the poo that we do some of our finest work and we start a fire.

**Next week's homily**  
That silver coin

## 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

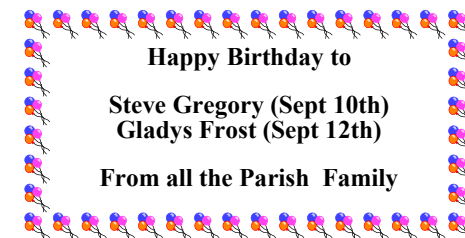
**On Saturday September 27th it's Grand Final day.** You know... beanies and loud cheers. It's also a day to come and buy a lovingly cooked sausage outside Coles to support your parish.

**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.



## 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.



## Today's Homily

### 'In the poo'

When Jesus called his first followers to be the salt of the earth, they would have understood it in three different ways, because there were three fundamental uses of salt when they were growing up.

First, salt was a preservative. It was used to preserve meat and fish from rotting. There was obviously no Harvey Norman refrigeration back in those days, so if fish or meat was going to last in the sweltering Middle Eastern climate, it needed to be salted. So thanks to salt, the whole meat market expanded. Think of our big refrigeration trucks and the impact this technology has made to what is available on our supermarket shelves.

Dig a little deeper and there is a subtle but important distinction going on here. The salt was different to the meat or the fish. It was in the meat but it was not the meat itself. So we're supposed to be distinct from the world, in it, but not of it. There is also an ancient thinking that the animal and fish that were being preserved were already dead; salt would serve almost as a life-preserver, something that would keep the meat or fish filets from going off. Salt, therefore, almost had a sense of the resurrection. Giving a new life. The second function of salt in Jesus' time is one we've maintained today: to give flavour to the food we consume. A little bit of salt, we know, can influence a whole meal. This points to the fact that we, as salt of the earth, are called to enhance others lives so that they can "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" Jesus came so that his joy might be in us and our joy complete, so that we might have life and have it to the full. He calls us as salt to show what real joy in life is, to be people who are profoundly happy even in the simplest things, who know they are truly blessed because they live in Him who is the cause of our joy. By calling us to be salt, The Master is saying that we need to bring that joy and sparkle to the world, especially to those places and people where joy is diminished or sadly, even absent altogether.

And you do this and you do it really well. I

have seen you do it and I have been thrilled and inspired.

Finally, the purpose of salt was to start a fire. I apologise if what I'm about to say is a bit icky but it's key to grasping what The teacher was on about. In the days when Joseph was a carpenter and Peter was a fisherman, folk would take dried animal dung, mix it with a lot of salt and then light it on fire. The dung alone couldn't be ignited, but when it was mixed with salt, ta da! The salt would be able to be lit and then would gradually heat the dung, which kept its heat for a really long time. Salt was the ancient equivalent of firelighters or lighter fluid for a barbecue. So salt can redeem almost anything, even turning excrement into something good and useful. You and I are supposed to be fire-starters. We are supposed to be easily lit and capable of inflaming others with the love of Christ. So we shouldn't be waiting for someone else to light a fire under us, to stay put until someone else makes the first move. You and I are supposed to be the firelighters or lighter fluid. Even if we're surrounded by what seems poo and muck, Jesus is reminding us that by our baptism and ignited by the fire of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, we're supposed to be ring-masters of goodness, the people who turn things around and right side up.

And so what if it is in the poo that we do some of our finest work? Maybe it is in the yucky stuff that we start a fire and to illustrate how this might be possible I'd like to conclude with a little story.

On a post funeral visit I went to see Mrs. Kaffoops. I'd always assumed that Mr. & Mrs. Kaffoops had a pretty ideal life and marriage and everything had been ticketyboo. But now with her husband safely ensconced on the other side of the grave, Mrs. Kaffoops felt free to sally forth and tell all. It turns out that much mawkish stuff had plopped on this happy couple over the years. I think Mrs. Kaffoops used different words but you get the idea. Some of the dung was self induced and a natural consequence of sin and some stuff well... sometimes it just fell on them. Then she turned to me, looked me in the eye and in one of those rare, undeserved, privileged moments said something like this. Fr. David we may not have been perfect, but

ther appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.<sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.<sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.<sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.<sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.<sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever,<sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.<sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account.<sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self.<sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ.<sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.<sup>22</sup> One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.<sup>23</sup> Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you,<sup>24</sup> and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.<sup>25</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;  
and teach me thy statutes.

**Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 14.25–35

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>25</sup> Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.<sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him,<sup>30</sup> saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."<sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.<sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.<sup>34</sup> 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

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

Dorothy Jelleff Arthur Drew Anna Hornby Hugh Mallinson Lorna Schultz Phyllis Bridle Charles Watt	Keith Lakeman Douglas Pickett Robert Reid's -Heart/Lung Donor Rita Edwards Mary Ezard George McKenzie	Madeline Featherstone-Haugh Lucy Bannan Madge Thomas Heather Ellis Emma Lovett Keith Kennett Ruth Silcock
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• For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Canberra and Goulburn: Mark Short, Carol Wagner, Stephen Pickard and Vanessa Bennett.
- Hamilton: David Oulton & Jannie Ryan (Deacon)
- Ginjiji
- Victims and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

## 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**  
**168 255 254 331**

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

The response to the bidding:  
"Loving Father" ... is ... "Send us the light of your Spirit"

Loving Father ... **Send us the light of your Spirit.**

When we come to the altar, we put aside discord and division to offer, in peace and unity, the one bread and the one cup. In that spirit let us pray.

That as a church and parish community, we may joyfully take up Jesus' cross of selflessness and compassion. For Garry our Bishop, for Bishop Scott who assists him and for those who provide ministry in the parish of the Otways.

*Loving Father ... Send us the light of your Spirit.*

That the Risen Christ may be a source of unity and liberation for all people. For those who are trying to bring about peace in the midst of disharmony and discord.

*Loving Father ... Send us the light of your Spirit.*

That parents and teachers may help their children and students to discover and grow in the wisdom of God. For those who are preparing to leave school and university at the end of this year and those who will mark their work. For those parents who must make decisions about their children's education.

*Loving Father ... Send us the light of your Spirit.*

That those who carry crosses of physical, mental or spiritual suffering may learn to walk in the steps of Jesus and find in Him healing and courage.

*Loving Father ... Send us the light of your Spirit.*

That those who have passed through this short life, may exult and rejoice forever in heaven. Especially the recently departed.  
*Loving Father ... Send us the light of your Spirit.*

In a moment of silence we offer to our loving Father, the petitions upon our hearts this day.  
(Pause 1,...2,...3,...)  
*Loving Father ... Send us the light of your Spirit.*

Father of all wisdom, marvellously you created us, with greater wonders you redeemed us. Hear us as disciples of your Son; grant our requests according to Your will. 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

## 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?