



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Mary Sumner

9th August 2026

Sentence:

The angel said Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus

Collect

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

St Mark's Cavendish

All Saints' Penshurst

**Welcome to our special guest star for
August 9th at Christ Church Hamilton
Mrs. Felicity Lowrey**

1st Reading Philippians 1: 3–6; 9–11

I thank my God every time I remember you,
⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing
in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I
am confident of this, that the one who began a
good work among you will bring it to
completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁹And
this is my prayer, that your love may overflow
more and more with knowledge and full insight
¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that
on the day of Christ you may be pure and
blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of
righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ
for the glory and praise of God. is the Word of
the Lord. Thanks be to God..

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms

Of you are told glorious things,
O city of God! On the holy mountain is his city
cherished by the Lord.

**The Lord prefers the gates of Zion
to all Jacob's dwellings.**

Of you are told glorious things,
O city of God!

**Zion shall be called 'Mother'
for all shall be her children.**

It is he, the Lord Most High,
who gives each his place.

**In his register of peoples he writes:
'These are her children'**

2nd Reading Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with
one another and, if anyone has a complaint
against another, forgive each other; just as the
Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with
love, which binds everything together in
perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were
called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let
the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach
and admonish one another in all wisdom; and
with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,
hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And
whatever you do, in word or deed, do
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

'This is my commandment, that you love one
another as I have loved you'

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved

you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

Prayers for Mary Sumner day

Today we ask you to join with Mothers' Union Worldwide in celebrating 150 years of ministry in 84 countries.

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life and for her vision for a fellowship of women committed to prayer and service, supporting each other and their communities. Give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through your word, prayer and action your family may be strengthened and your people served.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God

We pray for MU members and leaders worldwide that they may work towards making a meaningful difference in the lives of millions through unique, faith-based and community-led approaches to tackling poverty, injustice and violence. We pray for all who engage in advocacy against gender and family violence especially through the 16 Days of Activism. Give members and us all, courage to boldly speak out about issues in society that destabilise family life.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God

Lord, we ask your blessing on all families who are experiencing war, trauma, displacement, poverty, hunger or distress. We pray for efforts to advocate for human rights, to reduce marginalization and oppression and promote gender equity; especially projects that offer educational opportunities, build resilience and empowerment skills especially for women and girls. May the Good News of love of Jesus and his saving grace be shared and lived in all faith communities and beyond

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God

We pray for the members of the Mothers' Union in this Diocese of Ballarat as they seek your guidance into the future. We pray for Bishop Garry and Scott, our MU Chaplain Fr David and all of our diocesan clergy and people, for the MU Diocesan President Felicity, all branch leaders, the trustees and all our members, that they may remain resilient and focused on the support of family life within the church and the communities in which we live.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God

Loving Lord, we pray for your healing hand on all who are physically and or emotionally unwell, those without hope, the unemployed, and those living on the fringes of society. We

pray for survivors of domestic abuse who have found in us a place of safety and new hope; for people in prison, who we visit and do not forget, in whom we seek and find your face. We give you thanks for all who bring hope, comfort and healing.

We commend to you all those that are on our own hearts

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God

Jesus the risen Christ, we give thanks and pray for those who have died recently and for their family and friends.

Lord, we give you thanks today for the life and witness of Mary Sumner and her vision in creating the Mothers' Union.

We live in the hope of the resurrection when we will share with all your saints in your eternal presence.

For your love and goodness

We give you thanks, O God

We ask all Mothers' Union members and anyone else who is happy to do so, to say together the Mothers' Union Prayer.

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the

encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. Amen

For Your Prayers This Week

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

Bishop Garry, Vivian McKellar, Bishop Scott & his family, Lorraine, Sharon, Judy Trompf, Linda

For Those Who Have Died

Years Mind

Effie Woods, Lorraine Griffiths, Marie Manson, Lucy Clover, William Joiner, Janette Peters, Elizabeth Wellington, Neville Fitzgerald, Darryl, Peter Millard, Dorothy Chandler, David Baulch, William Hull

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- The Episcopal Church
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Martin Nadarajan, Adriaan Siersema (deacon) and Cheryl Haines (OLM Priest), Robert Caernarvon-Smith. WD4 Police & Emergency Services Chaplaincy and Ararat Migrant Ministry.
- Jinim
- Our Prime Minister and Federal Parliament.

Today's Homily

Mary Sumner ...Thank you!

Yippee! In our Anglican calendar it is Mary Sumner day. This year it happens to fall on a Sunday so we're making a bit of fuss.

Mary Sumner was the founder of Mothers Union. This parish is gorgeously blessed because it has such a healthy, vibrant and laughter filled group of people who are members of our Mothers Union. In fact it is probably one the strongest Mothers Union groups in the diocese and numbers wise, it is certainly the strongest organisation in our parish.

Mothers Union is especially concerned with

family life and therein lies the rub. Full disclosure and confession, I should quickly point out that the Diocesan Mothers Union chaplain who also happens to be your vicar, comes from a family where his parents were divorced and each went on to remarry. Does this disqualify me from this wonderful and undeserved role? Perhaps my qualifications and heritage are besmirched.

Perhaps I am not in good standing to be the MU chaplain or even a Mothers Union member. When my parents were going through the throes of divorce in 1977 this may well have been the thinking. There are people still alive today who can tell you with hand on heart, that they were asked not to attend MU because of their marital status.

Perhaps it might help if I let you know that while the nastiness of the separation and divorce were exploding around me, there were a couple of priestly people and one Bishop, who were exceptionally kind and compassionate. I came out the other side aspiring to pass on that same pastoral care. I have no idea if these clerics were members of Mothers Union, but they did show forth inclusion, welcome and support of me and my family, even though and perhaps especially because, my family was in tatters.

We have come a long way in our thinking since I was a gawky, pimply 17 year old. All sorts of ragamuffins and recalcitrants are not only welcomed into Mothers Union, but they are rejoiced in and they ministry to us. We actively seek them out and encourage them because they are authentically human with no pretence or dressing up. Life in the raw, to be loved, redeemed and rejoiced in. They have much to teach us and we as Mothers Union and a parish, are all the more colourful and accessible for what they bring to us. Mary Sumner, ... Thank you.

And that for me at least is the beauty of

Mothers Union and Mary Sumner. That the healing begins with the acceptance of everyone. Mary Sumner being married to a vicar would not have always found it easy. Toss in the pressures of being a mum and there must have been days. The organisation she started would have been a challenge for her but it would also have been a source of blessing and encouragement.

Mothers Union sets the bar high, for we all need principals to strive for, but it is also the first to be there in the grit and gravel, when love is shredded as sometimes it is.

And when this happens we turn and have a good long hard look at our warts and realise that none of us is perfect and far from tut tutting, we open wide the arms of welcome to those who seek us out and say to them...

‘Welcome friend; I’m just like you. We’re all a bit grubby around the edges; we all have gashes that we hide away from others. Love has unravelled for me sometimes and there are many weeks when I am just holding it together.’

And we can say this and live this when we have reflected on the words of the gospel.

‘You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.’

It seems to be that the Master knows that those who are wild and wooly like a scarecrow are the most fun and the most fruitful.

So today we gather and give thanks for Mary Sumner who could not have foreseen the fruitful organisation that would still all be happening in Western Victoria in 2026. Today we give thanks for the Mothers Union, in this parish, throughout our diocese and throughout the world.

And today as a begrimed Mothers Union

chaplain, I say with a big cheesy grin and a twinkle in my eye “Mary Sumner ...Thank you!”

Next Weeks Homily

Of homecoming

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

Fr. David's easy quiz

Lunch today at Christ Church will cost

- \$5
- \$10
- \$25 plus drinks at bar prices
- Actually it's free!

Fr. David's hard quiz

Mary's oldest child is

- Margaret
- Louise
- George
- Actually she didn't have any children.

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: All of the above

Hard quiz: Holy Cab

Cuppa and chatter

Cuppa and chatter is on and happening on Thursdays. Ladies to Lemon Myrtle from 2.15pm until 3.00pm and Gents to Thommo's Tavern at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

What Anglicare needs for the cooler months.

Clothing: Socks, tracksuit pants, gloves and warmer tops (even waterproof ones).

Food items: school snacks, spreads (vegemite and peanut butter) and some easy to eat snacks (muesli bars/biscuits/crackers).

Toiletries: bottles of shampoo and roll on deodorant are among some of the toiletries.

Forethought for our Fete

So it's probably time that we gave some forethought to our Fete. We will start thinking and planning on Saturday August 29th at 10am in our meeting room. All are very welcome with ideas, refinements and suggestions.

Go the winners. On Grand

Final day, the 26th of September, we will be having one of our famous Coles sausage sizzles.

Parish Council and the Outreach Committee

both meet on Thursday August 20th. Outreach Committee at 1:30pm. Parish Council at 5:30pm

One thing by the end of August

There is an idea that when there is a 5th Sunday in the month, that the Sunday morning service be rotated around our centres. Trying to think through the practicalities of this... it would need a cheerful willingness for folk to travel to another centre for worship. Please let Fr. David know if you would be prepared to do this ... By the end of August.

It's time to sign up for a lectionary. A lectionary will be supplied for each of our parish centres but if you would like your own take home copy please sign up at the back of Christ Church Hamilton or see Fr. David.

Dates for your diary

- ❖ Our Annual Pet Blessing October 11th
- ❖ Synod October 23/24
- ❖ Clergy Retreat November 2nd - 6th
- ❖ Our Parish Fete November 7th

❖ Glenthompson Christmass Carols and market December 6th 6:30pm

WARRNAMBOOL ORGAN FESTIVAL

David Byrne is giving a recital at St Joseph's (Kepler St) Warrnambool on Sunday 9 August at 2:30. He would be pleased to see parishioners in the audience. Tickets can be booked on Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DNVLJ> or at the door (\$25 / \$20). Check the Warrnambool Organ Festival Facebook page for details of the Festival.

So what happens now?

Fr. David and Jeanine have announced their retirement and their last Sunday will be November 22nd.

This will be the only service in the parish on that weekend and anyone is welcome to attend. It is also the day that the parish mobile (ph. 0435 867 040) retires. In the meantime let's enjoy the next three months and each other.

At the annual meeting you elected:

Stewart Otton, Gavin Wallis and Graeme Mustow to be your parish nominators. You are warmly encouraged to contact them (preferably in writing) with any thoughts about a new priest. Please remember it is your parish.

After November 22nd Bishop Scott will be overseeing ministry and Deacon Jannie will be the first point of contact for pastoral emergencies. (p 0420 283 809).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask

Daylight saving

begins in the early hours of Sunday 4th of October. This means that the first Saturday night Vigil at 6pm will be Saturday 10th of October. The first Sunday mass at All Saints Peshurst at 5:00pm will be on Sunday 25th of October

Jeanine and Fr. David

are frantically trying to use up their annual leave before their last Sunday on November 22nd. The first little chunk is from Thursday 13th of August to Tuesday 18th. During this time Deacon Jannie will be the first point of contact for pastoral emergencies and celebrate the weekend liturgies of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th.

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Happy Birthday to
Rita Burger (August 10th)
Roma Keating (August 15th)
From all the Parish Family

TODAY'S HYMNS

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A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING A BISHOP

Eternal God, shepherd and guide,
in your mercy give your Church in this
diocese a shepherd after your own
heart

who will walk in your ways,
and with loving care watch over
your people.

Give us a leader of vision and a
teacher of your truth.

So may your Church be built up
and your name glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

People elected at the Parish AGM

Warden appointed by Fr. David
Stewart Otton

Peoples wardens:

Ian Hartley
Claire Hilsdon

Your Parish Councillors:

Deacon Jannie Ryan ex officio
Todd Venning
Susan Mason
Robyn Wilken
Peter Walsgott
Graeme Mustow
David Byrne

Parochial Nominators

Stewart Otton
Gavin Wallis
Graeme Mustow

Synod Representative

Peter Walsgott

Services for this week

Wednesday	12th August	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	15th August	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	16th August	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Nicole. *Reader 2:* Susan *Intercessor:* Sue *Sidesmen:* Jenny & Glenys W
Eucharist Assistant: Lofty or fill in