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## ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 25 October 2026, 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'*

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All Saints: 9.00am & St Marys: 10.30am (NZPB456): Rev John Shoaf

Grace@10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Reg Garters (All Saints), Mark Fryer (St Marys)

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### SENTENCE

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilment of the law: grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### READINGS

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8: Paul's ministry in Thessalonica.

Matthew 22:34-46: The greatest commandment.

### READINGS - GRACE@ 10.30

Mark 10: 35 - 45, Colossians 1: 24 - 2: 5

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving God, help us to love you with all our heart, soul and mind. May your love guide our words, our actions and our choices each day. Help us to grow closer to you and to share your love with everyone we meet. Amen



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All are welcome to share in Communion with us today, and everyone is invited to share a time of fellowship and morning tea after the service.

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Following the service at St Mary's, a small prayer team is available at the front of the church for individual prayer. Whether you are facing a challenge, giving thanks, seeking encouragement, or need prayer for family or friends, you are warmly invited to stay and pray with someone confidentially.

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## PARISH CALENDAR

|             |         |                                          |
|-------------|---------|------------------------------------------|
| Tues 27 Oct | 9.30am  | Walking Group, Prebbleton                |
| Wed 28 Oct  | 10.00am | Communion Service, St Marys              |
| Wed 28 Oct  | 11.00am | Bible Study                              |
| Wed 28 Oct  | 3.00pm  | Banbury Park Service                     |
| Wed 28 Oct  | 7.00pm  | Growth Group, Prebbleton                 |
| Fri 30 Oct  | 9.45am  | Lil Boppers, St Mary's                   |
| Fri 30 Oct  | 6.30pm  | DOMINOS Youth, St Marys                  |
| Sat 31 Oct  | 7.30am  | Mens Group                               |
| Sat 31 Oct  | 4.00pm  | Lights & Lollies, Transitional Cathedral |
| Sun 1 Nov   |         | All Saints Day                           |
| Sun 8 Nov   | 5.00pm  | Riding on Faith, Prebbleton              |
| Sun 22 Nov  | 5.00pm  | Final AMPED for the year                 |

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## REFLECTION

Religion consists in loving God. The verse which Jesus quotes is Deuteronomy 6:5. That verse was part of the Shema, the basic and essential creed of Judaism, the sentence with which every Jewish service still opens, and the first text which every Jewish child commits to memory. It means that to God we must give a total love, a love which dominates our emotions, a love which directs our thoughts, and a love which is the dynamic of our actions. All religion starts with the love which is total commitment of life to God.

The second commandment which Jesus quotes comes from Leviticus 19:18. Our love for God must issue in love for others. But it is to be noted in which order the commandments come; it is love of God first, and love of others second. It is only when we love God that other people become lovable. The biblical teaching about human beings is not that we are collections of chemical elements, not that we are part of the brute creation, but that men and women are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26–7). It is for that reason that human beings are lovable. The true basis of all democracy is in fact the love of God. Take away the love of God, and we can look at human nature and become angry at those who cannot be taught; we can become pessimistic about those who cannot make progress; we can become callous to those who are cold and calculating in their actions. The love of humanity is firmly grounded in the love of God.

William Barclay

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**All Saints Day - Sunday 1 November.** On All Saints Day we set aside time in the service for remembrance of loved ones we have lost in this past year, or in previous years.

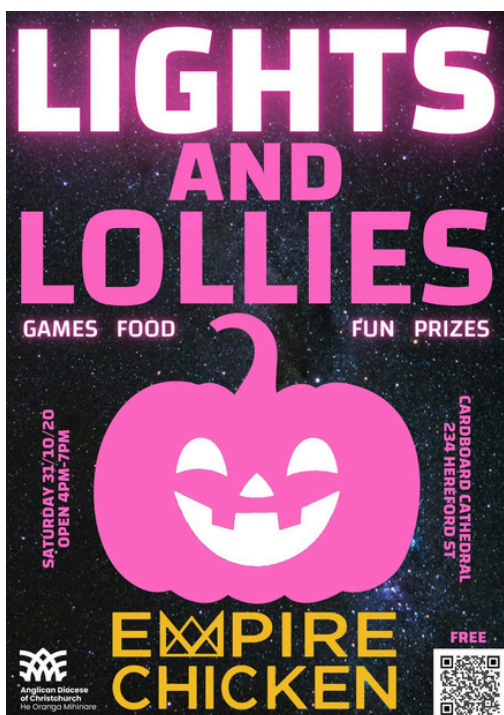
If you have a loved one whose name you wish to be read in church as part of the service on 1 November, please send the name of the person (and relationship to you if you wish to share) to the office.



A final thank you to all who worked so hard on the Fair and all who supported it in any way. Books are available in the hall until Sunday and will then be packed away. Thank you to Margaret Bothwell for arrange to dispose of the white elephant left over goods.

The Fair total is currently \$9,993 so with post fair sales we will easily make \$10k mark!

**Fair Review.** A small group will meet next week to review the fair, and record any suggested changes or enhancements we need to make for the future. If anyone has any feedback on the fair, we'd like to include this in our meeting. We want to know know what worked well, and any suggestions or ideas for the future. Please email the office with your thoughts before Thursday 29 October



**Prebbleton Growth Group**

Meets at 7.00pm second and fourth **Wednesday**. Hosted by Veve at 8 Skye Lane Prebbleton. All Welcome.

**Halswell Growth Group**

Meets at 7.00pm second and fourth **Thursday**. Hosted by Anna and Chris: 18 Augustine Drive, Aidanfield. All Welcome

**Next Sunday, 1 November 2026, All Saints Day**  
**All Saints: 9.00am, (NZPB 476), Grace@ 10.30am: Rev John Shoaf**  
**St Marys: 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan**

Readings: All Saints: 1 John 3: 1 - 3, Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Readings: St Marys: Romans 10: 1 - 5, 11 - 14, Colossians 1: 15 - 23

**Roster for Sunday 1 November: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's**

|         | Leader     | Reading     | Communion  | Welcome      | Morning Tea |
|---------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 9.00am  | J Fletcher | A Roberton  | J Fletcher | M Foster     | Graeme      |
| 10.30am | A Gough    | S Street    | A Gough    | S Zyskowski/ | Susan/      |
|         | Data Proj: | P Zyskowski |            | N Zyskowski  | Peter       |

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