
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 23 August 2026, 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community'

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

Grace @10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Jenny Fletcher (All Saints), Fiona Brooker (St Marys)

SENTENCE

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12: 2

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear the prayer we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called us we may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

READINGS

Romans 12:1-8: We have different gifts, according to God's grace.

Matthew 16:13-20: Peter's declaration about Jesus.

READINGS -GRACE@10.30

Matthew 26: 57-64, Acts 6: 8-15



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, give us eyes to see where you are working, hands that are willing to join with you in that work, and hearts and minds that are ever grateful for what it means to be one with you. Amen.

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.



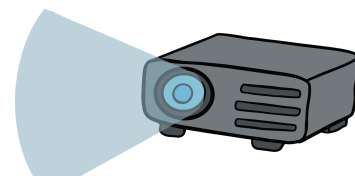
Following the service at St Mary's, a small prayer team is available at the front of the church for individual prayer. Whether you are facing a challenge, giving thanks, seeking encouragement, or need prayer for family or friends, you are warmly invited to stay and pray with someone confidentially.

PARISH CALENDAR

Tues 25 Aug	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 26 Aug	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 26 Aug	11.00am	Bible Study, St Marys
Wed 26 Aug	3.00pm	Banbury Park Service
Wed 26 Aug	7.00pm	Growth Group, Prebbleton
Thurs 27 Aug	7.00pm	Growth Group, Halswell
Fri 28 Aug	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 28 Aug	11.00am	St John of God Service
Fri 28 Aug	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sun 13 Sept	2.00pm	AAW Cathedral Service

HELP NEEDED WITH ROSTERS, ST MARYS

We are looking to add new people to the data projector roster as two of our team have taken on other roles.



We can provide training and Henry has prepared great instructions and trouble shooting information! If you can help please talk to Rev John and we will 'buddy' you up to learn the ropes and support you until you are ready to 'go solo'.



We are also looking for replacements on the morning tea roster as one of the team wishes to take a break. If this is something you can be part of talk to Rev John. You are welcome to help out one Sunday to see what is involved.

REFLECTION

Confronting Jesus at this time was one pressing and demanding problem that would not go away. His time was short; his days on earth were numbered. The problem was: was there anyone who understood him? Was there anyone who had recognized him for who and what he was? Were there any who, when he had departed from the world, would carry on his work, and labour for his kingdom? Obviously that was a crucial problem, for it involved the very survival of the Christian faith. If there were none who had grasped the truth, or even glimpsed it, then all his work was undone; if there were just a few who realized the truth, his work was safe. So Jesus was determined to put all to the test and ask his followers who they believed him to be. — William Barclay



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

It's nearly time to start advertising the Fair so sign boards need to go up in the next couple of weeks. We also have posters which you can pick up and take to advertise the fair. Posters are available to pick up - its just 8 weeks until the fair!

We can all start preparing for the fair now, cleaning out cupboards, bookshelves and the garage! Books can be left in the book bin now, collection of other items will be closer to the fair so set up a box in your garage to collect items.

ARE YOU READY?

Would you and your whānau know what to do if an emergency happened? A FREE and practical Civil Defence session on emergency preparedness will be held in Wigram next week. Learn about simple steps to prepare your household for an emergency, and what useful items to have in a 'grab bag'.

**Friday 28 August, 6pm - 7pm,
Grace Vineyard Hub, 4/55 the Runway**



Synod Rep Needed

One of our 2 Synod Reps is unable to attend this year so we are looking for someone else to represent our parish at the Synod Meeting on 4/5 September.

What is Synod? A synod meeting is a formal gathering where representatives of the diocese come together to discuss, make decisions about, and plan for the life and mission of the church. Please talk to Rev John if you can help.

FROM THIS WEEKS VESTRY MEETING

Planning continues for the development of more burial sites and more ashes sites in the cemetery -- we're waiting for better weather! Thanks to Rob Mugford for leading this project. We continue looking for new funding sources to support our ministry. Parish giving was up significantly in July; thank you to all who gave so generously. Synod is 4-5 September; John, Andrew and Nick Jones will be attending. We are still looking for one more representative.



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, 30 August 2026, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB476): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Romans 12: 9-21, Matthew 16: 21 - 28

Readings: Grace@ 10.30: Luke 23: 32-43, Acts 7: 51 - 8:1

Roster for Sunday 30 August: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	R Hocking	J Fletcher	M Foster	Olive
10.30am	R Garters	J Pilgrim	L Gough	D Watson/	Susan/
	Data Proj:	P Mosley		L Gough	Peter

Church Donations

Your regular donations to the church can be made in cash, envelope or automatic payment. Please email the Parish recorder, Simon Scoulding, for a reference number or any queries. (simon.scoulding@gmail.com)
All donations qualify for a tax rebate and receipts are sent out at the end of the financial year.

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