
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 16 August 2026, St Mary's Day

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community'

All Saints: 9.00am & St Marys: 10.30am (NZPB404): Rev John Shoaf

Grace @10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Reg Garters (All Saints), Anne Gough (St Marys)



SENTENCE

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47

COLLECT

God of love, you chose the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son; grant that we who have been redeemed by his blood may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious Lord, your servant Mary answered your call, gladly and willingly; may we all be so willing to serve you when you call us.
Amen.

READINGS

Galatians 4:4-7: God has made you his heir.

Luke 1:46-55: Mary's song, the Magnificat.

READINGS - GRACE

Ephesians 6: 10-13, Acts 6: 1 - 7



AMPED - Tonight at 5.00pm

Come and join us tonight at St Marys for an informal time of worship, and prayer. Food and fellowship to follow. All Welcome!

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

Sun 16 Aug	5.00pm	AMPED, St Marys
Tues 18 Aug	9.30am	Walking Group, All Saints
Wed 19 Aug	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 19 Aug	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting
Fri 21 Aug	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 21 Aug	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Fri 21 Aug	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sat 22 Aug	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys

Employment Opportunity - Aidanfield School - Caretaker

A Caretaker/Grounds Person position has become available at Aidanfield Christian School. Applications close on 24 August 2026. Information and how to apply can be found on the school website: <https://www.aidanfield.school.nz/vacancies/>

FAIR Preparation - Book Collection

Its time to start looking at cleaning out to prepare for the Fair on 17 October. At St Mary's we now have a 'Book Bin' where you can leave books now in preparation for the fair. The Book Bin is on the drive, next to the clothing bins. Thank you to Rob Mugford for setting up this collection - start clearing those bookshelves now!



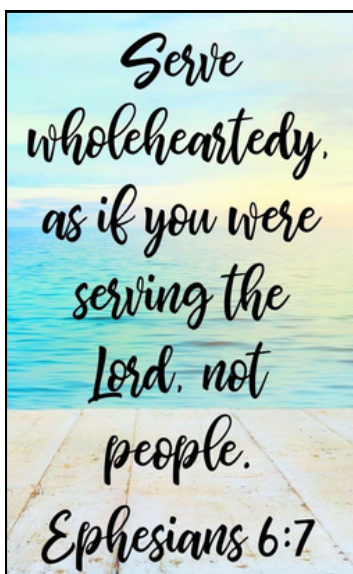
AAW FESTIVAL SERVICE - 13 SEPTEMBER

All women in the Diocese are invited to a Festival Service to be held at the Transitional Cathedral on Sunday 13 September, 2.00pm.



The service will be led by Rev Jan Brodie and Anne Shave, include the Cathedral Girls Choir and will be followed by afternoon tea.

Staff on Leave: Marco has headed away on holiday to Germany this week. Lucy and the team will manage youth activities. We pray for safe travels and a refreshing holiday for him and his wife.



Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month for August is ... Rob Mugford. Rob has been giving tremendous amounts of his time, skills, energy and materials to make the Halswell cemetery a more beautiful, welcoming and peaceful place. He is not just cleaning up and tidying, but also designing and landscaping the area in lovely ways. Besides all this, he does the layout for the Parish Fair; he has set up a book depository to collect books for the Fair; and he does so many little jobs around St Mary's; always with willingness and good humour. Thank you, Rob, for your great work for the Parish!



REFLECTION

As is my custom, following my walk with the Prebbleton walking group each Tuesday morning, I go and spend an hour in a local café over a muffin, a coffee, and my iPad. I have the occasional conversation and am never unhappy if someone distracts me because I know that come what may I will spend adequate hours in the Word each week. There have been a couple times when I have overheard folk talking about some church related matter at the table next door to me. Each time I have waited for a pause in the conversation and I pipe up with an “excuse me I hope you don’t mind. I’m an Anglican minister and I couldn’t help but over your interesting conversation”. Each time this has resulted in thoughts and ideas that have helped me as I think of ways of making church more accessible and inviting.

It happened again this week. Half a dozen older ladies talking about the music in their respective churches and how they wished it had a bit more life. To give you an idea of the general age group they thought I was young. Anyway, I couldn’t help but introduce myself. We chatted about church music in general and I shared what we are trying at [Grace@10.30](#). How there is always room for a grand hymn but we also trying to make things lively and accessible.

One of them asked me an interesting question. Do you sing to, or about God? I said both. But we don’t tend to sing about ourselves which it seems tends to be the subject matter of much modern worship music. They seemed happy with that. I also shared how great it was to have a lovely bunch of prayerful and hopeful ladies who come from the local rest home. And how fantastic that is when you think about intergenerational and mentoring ministry. They seemed happy and encouraged with that thought as well. As it turned out some of the ladies at this table knew some of my mentors. One of them even knew the person who led me to the Lord over 50 years ago. As she said. “Small world.” It was a great time of mutual encouragement with another of the ladies saying “well this conversation was meant to be”. It’s always a bit of a risk pipping up but I reckon its worth the risk. And just last Sunday I was taking about believer’s speaking into the lives of other believers. Who would have thought.

Blessings, Andrew



Prebbleton Growth Group	Halswell Growth Group
Meets at 7.00pm second and fourth Wednesday . Hosted at the Vicarage, 11 Six Silvers Ave on 26 August. All welcome.	Meets at 7.00pm second and fourth Thursday . Hosted by Anna and Chris: 18 Augustine Drive, Aidanfield. All Welcome

Next Sunday, 23 August 2026, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB456): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Romans 12: 1 - 8, Matthew 16: 13-20

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Roster for Sunday 23 August: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Marys

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	A Carpenter	J Fletcher	G Carpenter	Coral/Veve
10.30am	F Brooker	O Fryer	F Brooker	S Zyskowski	Nick/
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