
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 12 July 2026, 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Grace @10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Reg Garters (All Saints), Sarah Mosley (St Marys)



SENTENCE

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. Romans 8:11

READINGS

Romans 8:1-11: Life in the Spirit.

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23: The Parable of the Sower.

READINGS - GRACE

Revelation 22:12 - 17, Acts 4: 1 - 22

COLLECT

Praise to you, God, for all your work among us. Yours is the vigour in creation, yours is the impulse in our new discoveries. Make us adventurous, yet reverent and hopeful in all we do. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving and all powerful God, may there be peace in our world. And may this peace flow from a peace in our hearts. And this peace come as we have peace with the prince of peace, the Lord Jesus Christ. For there is no other name by which we might be saved. And there is no other source of life by which our hurting and needy world might be redeemed. 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 14 July	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 15 July	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 15 July	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting
Fri 17 July		The Abbey starts
Fri 17 July	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Sat 18 July	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys
Sun 19 July	5.00pm	AMPED, St Marys
Sat 25 July	5.30pm	Parish Pot Luck Dinner
Sun 26 July	10.30am	Kids Church Term 3 at St Marys

The Abbey: 17-19 July: This is a weekend retreat and training weekend for those who are leading young people in churches across New Zealand. Please pray for Marco and Lucy as they head to Living Springs for this time with other leaders.

REFLECTION

It is not difficult to see that in the hearts of the disciples there must sometimes have been a certain discouragement. To them, Jesus was everything, the wisest and the most wonderful of all. But, humanly speaking, he had very little success. The doors of the synagogue were shutting against him. The leaders of orthodox religion were his bitterest critics and were obviously out to destroy him. True, the crowds came to hear him; but there were so few who were really changed, and so many who came to reap the benefit of his healing power, and, who, when they had received it, went away and forgot. There were so many who came to Jesus only for what they could get. The disciples were faced with a situation in which Jesus seemed to rouse nothing but hostility in the religious leaders, and nothing but a very short-lived response in the crowd. It is in no way surprising if in the hearts of the disciples there was sometimes deep disappointment. What then does the parable say to the preacher who is discouraged? Its lesson is clear – the harvest is sure. For discouraged preachers of the word, the lesson is in the climax of the parable, in the picture of the seed which brought forth abundant fruit. Some seed may fall by the wayside and be snatched away by the birds; some seed may fall on the shallow ground and never come to maturity; some seed may fall among the thorns and be choked to death; but in spite of all that the harvest does come. — William Barclay

Parish Pot Luck Dinner - 25 July

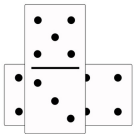
Warm up the winter with a time of fellowship with the whole parish. Starting at 5.30pm, bring along food to share and your own drinks.

As we have done in the past, dinner will be followed by a fun activity - this year its your chance to give Line Dancing a try. This is something everyone can join in from 3 to 93! Feel free to wear your cowboy boots and hat! (Koha at the door to go towards the line dance caller fee.)

We will need people to come early to set up tables, please let Rev Johnknow if you can help with this.



No Kids Church programme at St Mary's this Sunday, the team is taking a break for the holidays. There are activities in the children's area at the back for young ones to collect and do in church.



DOMINOS Youth also takes a break during the holidays, leaders will be planning, heading to The Abbey and planning the next AMPED on 19 July.

Parish Mission Plan Follow Up - Competition

Do you have any ideas for a short 'purpose' quote which would be meaningful to keep the whole parish 'paddling in the same direction'. Email your ideas to the office by Friday 24 July.



AMPED - Sunday 19 July, 5.00pm



Come and join us next Sunday at St Marys for a time of informal song, worship, and prayer.

All ages welcome, food and fellowship to follow.

City Mission Clothing Drive-18 July

The City Mission drive will be in the car park at All Saints on Saturday 18 July. They will be grateful for good quality clothing, especially winter woolies, footwear, linen, small electrical, and homewares. If you have large items they can collect on another day - phone 03 365 0633



Prebbleton Growth Group

Meets at 7.00pm second and fourth **Wednesday**. Hosted at the Vicarage on 22 July. 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, 19 July 2026, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB476): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Romans 8: 12 - 25, Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36-43

Readings: Grace@ 10.30: Psalm 2: 1 - 9, Acts 4: 23-37

Roster for Sunday 19 July: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Marys

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	M Foster	A Carpenter	R Hocking	G Carpenter	Olive
10.30am	O Wilson	S Street	O Wilson	P Street/	Justine/
	Data Proj:	R Butler		D Watson	Sarah

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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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