
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 2 August 2026, 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'

All Saints: 9.00am (NZPB456) & Grace@10.30am: Rev John Shoaf

St Mary's: 10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Murray Foster (All Saints), Mark Fryer (St Marys)



SENTENCE

Lord, keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Psalm 17:8

COLLECT

God of the hungry, make us hunger and
thirst for the right, till our thirst for justice
has been satisfied and hunger has gone
from the earth. Hear this prayer for your
love's sake. Amen.

READINGS - ALL SAINTS

Psalm 17:1-7: Prayer for vindication.

Matthew 14:13-21: Jesus feeds the
five thousand.

READINGS - ST MARYS

Luke 9: 28-36, Acts 5: 1 - 16

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Loving God, we know we have trespassed
against you, and fallen short in your eyes;
help us to recognise our sins, repent, and
learn to serve you better; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. 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 4 August	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 5 August	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 5 August	11.00am	Parish Belles, St Marys
Fri 7 August	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 7 August	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Fri 7 August	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sat 8 August	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys
Sun 16 August	5.00pm	AMPED, St Marys Day

FROM THE OFFICE

A reminder that Jenny is away this week so there are reduced office hours. We appreciate your patience and understanding during her absence.

REFLECTION

Faith or Fear. It would seem that both faith and fear are powerful motivators in life, and our thoughts and actions reflect both. FOMO (fear of missing out) is utilised by marketers. Buy now. The clock is ticking. Only 1 left. Yeah right. Then there is fear of loss as it relates to our relationships. This can result in folk allowing themselves to be manipulated, or even abused. “The devil you know” sort of thing. Fear of course can be a very positive thing as well. I’m afraid of hurting myself on my e scooter, so I better keep my wits about me, and wear my safety gear.

We will all have things that make us feel afraid. For some its failure. Others the future. Others the past. I, as many people, have things in my past that can trigger fear. More often than not though, I don’t fear for myself. I fear for those I love. And I want God’s best for them. My great antidote to fear is faith. Not faith in my faith. But faith in God. As best as I can, I trust, and I remember that the most used command in the bible is “fear not”. And there is very good reason for that. I reflect on John’s council, “perfect love casts out fear.” And given Jesus is the perfect example of God’s perfect love, Jesus seems the perfect antidote to unhealthy fear. Our past is gone. Our present is in God’s hands. And in Christ our future is secure. Faith, does not just take away fear. It gives us something as well. Peace. May the peace of God that passes all understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. And as we commit them to God in prayer, the hearts of our loved ones as well. Blessings, Andrew

PARISH PURPOSE STATEMENT

Congratulations to Viv Bearpark whose idea was the most preferred by the parish.

“Living God’s word, gathering community.”

We will adopt this as our purpose to guide all that we do in the coming years.



We are blessed by a great team of volunteers who keep our churches clean, tidy and welcoming.

This quiet work happens behind the scenes, by a team of unseen ‘cleaning fairies’ who clean the buildings during the week, rain or shine. Your work makes a real difference in our parish and we are all grateful for the time you give so generously to this task. Thank you for your dedication to making our churches a welcome space.



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

Make a note in your calendar now, this is an opportunity for us all to work together to make this a successful day for the community and is our major fundraising effort for the year. We are grateful to the following people who have agreed to lead a stall/activity.

Plants - Jenny Fletcher

Chocolate Wheel - Alan Shears

Books - Alice Scoulding/Emily Fryer

Sausage Sizzle - Loretta & Wayne Dixon

White Elephant - TBC

Devonshire Teas - Sarah Rees

Cakes/Preserves - Dawn Tindall

Mystery Bottles - Zyskowski Family

Toys - Loren Butler/Anne Gough

Raffle - Robyn Hocking

Site Planning - Rob Mugford

Children’s Area - TBC

All of these people will need helpers on the day. If there is a stall or activity you would like to lead and its not listed here, we are very keen to include new ideas, please talk to Rev John or email the office. We do need to know as soon as possible about any other stalls/activities to assist Rob with site planning.



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, 9 August 2026, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB476): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Romans 10: 5 - 15, Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Readings: Grace@ 10.30: Matthew 10: 16-22, Acts 5: 17-42

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

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	A Carpenter	J Fletcher	G Carpenter	Graeme
10.30am	S Mosley	R Hubbard	S Mosley	R Hubbard/	Sarah/
	Data Proj:	S Scoulding		A Thomas	Daisy

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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)
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