



Anglican Parish of Halswell Prebbleton

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Sunday 15 March, 4th Sunday in Lent
All Saints, Prebbleton: 9.00am (NZBP476), Grace @10.30am
St Marys, Halswell:10.30am (NZPB 476)

All Saints, Prebbleton

Presiding: Rev John Shoaf

Service Leader: Reg Garters

Sentence: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Collect: Give us grace and courage to hope, and to risk disappointment. Teach us to pray expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our God, who acts, and will act again. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

Readings

Romans 5:1-11: We are reconciled to God through the death of Jesus.

John 4:5-42: Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well.

St Mary's, Halswell

Presiding: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leader: Ann Gough

Sentence: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12

Collect: Lord Jesus, by the work of Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes and hearts to the truth of your Word. In a world of darkness and confusion, give us discernment and wisdom, that we might speak life and hope to those who need it. Amen.

Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1—10

John 9: 35—41



Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, may you open our eyes that we may see in you the true revelation, the true Shepherd, the true God; and dedicate our lives to serving you; in your name we pray. Amen.

All are welcome to share in communion with us today, and everyone is warmly invited to share morning tea after the service.



Parish Calendar

Tues 17 Mar	9.30am	Walking Group, All Saints
Wed 18 Mar	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 18 Mar	7.30pm	Vestry Meeting
Thurs 19 Mar	3.15pm	SMASH After School, St Marys
Fri 20 Mar	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 20 Mar	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Fri 20 Mar	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Marys
Sat 21 Mar	7.30am	Men's Group, St Marys
Sun 29 Mar		Palm Sunday
Sun 12 Apr	11.45am	Parish AGM, St Marys



Rosters for April/May If you are on a roster please let the office know of any unavailable dates in April/May by Wednesday 18 March. Many thanks.

Reflection: One never wants to be dramatic or alarmist. But this week I have read a number of reports from well qualified global voices who have sounded the alarm that what we are seeing unfold in the Middle East is the beginning of WW3. I pray and hope that they are wrong. But what if they are not? How do we respond as followers of Jesus?

Firstly, I would say we humbly come before the Sovereign Lord of the universe with our lives in order and bring our prayers and submissions. "if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. We don't just need our land healed that's for sure. Secondly, We follow the example of Jesus. He had all the power in the truest sense of the word, but he served and sacrificed. And ultimately he saved. We of course can never "save" in the same way that Jesus did. But just imagine, if enough people followed the Gospel in the way that Jesus exemplified it, a whole bunch of people would be saved from a whole bunch of bad and evil stuff. Like bombs falling on primary schools because there may have been an intelligence mishap. At least that's what three major American news organisations concluded. (The New York Times, CNN and Reuters). Time may well tell, but there is no guarantee these days. The apostle Paul also gave a great bit of advice. Don't be overcome by evil. But overcome evil with good. Dear God, save us from ourselves I pray. Blessings, Andrew

AMPED, TONIGHT at 5.00pm, St Mary's

Come and join us at AMPED as we gather to sing contemporary worship songs, to pray together and listen to God speak to us.

All ages are welcome, the young and the young at heart. Fellowship and food to follow. Come and join us!



Thank you. The DOMINOS youth and leaders would like to send our grateful thanks to all who have supported our fund-raising activities for Easter Camp. We have been blessed by the generosity of many and the funds will be distributed to the young people to assist with fees. We have seven young people from the parish attending this year. Please pray for our leaders and organisers as preparations continue for Easter Camp.

St Marys Hall—Saturday Bookings

We have a new regular booking in the St Marys Hall every Saturday from 9.30am—2.30pm. Please be aware of this if you need the hall for any reason, and make a booking if organising an event.

Church Cleaners: The group will also be using the church from 10am—12.30pm on Saturdays.

Palm Crosses.

The Fryer family are organising the making of palm crosses on Saturday 21 March at 11am at their home. All are welcome to be part of this preparation. See them on Sunday for location or email for details: mafryer@gmail.com



Open Day—Saturday 21 March

The Community Garden is in the area behind the church and many willing hands take care of the garden—we offer our thanks to all the volunteers who support and work in the space. There will be an open day at the garden on 21 March, 10.00am—12.30pm. Come and visit and have a sausage from the sausage sizzle.

After School Programme—All Saints

This programme with an Easter theme will be held at All Saints on 25 March and 1 April from 3.15pm—4.30pm. The contact for information is pamprev@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting Reports

If you are a warden or group leader please email your report for the year to the office no later than Friday 20 March. A full set of reports including financial reports will be available the Sunday prior to the meeting.

AGM—Sunday 12 April, St Marys Hall (Apologies for the incorrect date last week)

Next Sunday 22 March 2026, 5th Sunday in Lent
All Saints Prebbleton: 9.00am (NZPB456), Grace @ 10.30am
St Marys, Halswell: 10.30am , NZPB456

All Saints: Isaiah 6: 1—10, John 9: 35—41

St Mary's: Ezekiel 37:1—14, John 11: 17-45

Roster for Next Week, 22 March
9.00am—All Saints, 10.30am—St Marys

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	V Vandenberghe	J Fletcher	C Morrall	Susie/Linda
10.30am	F Brooker	O Fryer	F Brooker	D Watson/ L Gough	Nick/ Loren

Church Donations

Your regular donations to the church can be made by Automatic Payment. Please email Simon Scoulding (simon.scoulding@gmail.com) Parish Recorder, for a reference number. All donations qualify for a tax rebate.

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