
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 19 July 2026, 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

All Saints: 9.00am & St Marys: 10.30am (NZPB476): Rev John Shoaf

Grace @10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Murray Foster (All Saints), Ormond Wilson (St Marys)



READINGS

Romans 8:12-25: The future glory for the children of God.

Matt 13:24-30,36-43: The parable of the weeds.

READINGS - GRACE

Psalm 2: 1 - 9, Acts 4: 23 - 37

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious Lord, too long did we live in the flesh; grant us to live in your Spirit, that we may receive our inheritance as children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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!

DRAFT Rosters have been sent out. Please send feedback to the office by 22 July.

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 21 July	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 22 July	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 22 July	11.00am	Bible Study, St Marys
Wed 22 July	3.00pm	Banbury Park Service
Wed 22 July	7.00pm	Growth Group, Vicarage, 11 Six Silvers Ave
Thurs 23 July	7.00pm	Growth Group, Halswell
Fri 24 July	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 24 July	11.00am	St John of God Service
Fri 24 July	6.00pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sat 25 July	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys
Sat 25 July	5.30pm	Parish Pot Luck Dinner
Sun 26 July	10.30am	Kids Church Term 3 at St Marys

Parish Pot Luck Dinner - 25 July at St Marys Hall, 5.30pm

Warm up the winter with a time of fellowship with the whole parish. Come along at 5.30pm, with 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 for the line dance caller fee.)

We will need people to come early to set up tables, please let Rev John know 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.

Parish Mission Plan Follow Up

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. We are looking for something short, ten words or less. Get Creative!



Volunteer of the Month

This month we honour Graeme Gemmill. Graeme is always available to help out and always with good will and a smile. He serves as greeter, Communion assistant, PowerPoint operator at 10.30 at All Saints, serves tea after the service, and anything else that needs doing.

We benefit from his service and his connection to the Prebbleton community, where he also has many roles, and also his participation in the Prebbleton Growth Group. Thank you, Graeme, for your service to God and God's people.

REFLECTION

I am awaiting with great anticipation a new book on its way from Matthias Media in Australia. Matthias was the one chosen to make up the 12 witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus as the 120 were waiting and praying in ch 1 of Acts. It's a great name if one wanted to nail one's colours to the mast in respect of your evangelistic and ministry training focus. Anyway, back to the book. "Let the Word Dwell Richly" by Tony Payne, Publishing Director of Matthias Media and a graduate and I believe lecturer at Moore College in Sydney. The thesis of the book is simply that the Word of God must dwell richly within all of us and it is a communal rather than private application. Now given I have not read the book whatever follows is just me thinking out loud, having been triggered by the book's title. It seems to me that we so often sit as passive listeners. And while we might seek to apply the Word to our lives as we hear it on a Sunday, we do not, by and large, take responsibility to talk through, study, and interpret the word for ourselves. I am generalising a bit. But it's more often than not we let the clergy do the work. And we will agree, or not, with what they might be saying. In reality, how many actually sit and discuss, and debate, God's word regularly, and as a normal and ongoing part of their life and faith? We have been trained throughout modernity that faith is largely private. Best keep our thoughts and opinions to ourselves. But here's the thing. If we can't talk to each other as believers, and unpack scripture together, how on earth will we be equipped or courageous to share with non-believers. I know there are some who think that because they have been on the journey for a long time they do not need Bible studies. All I can say personally, is this. The more years, or decades actually, that pass, the more I realise how little I know. How vast is the challenge. And how much I need all the help I can get. Please prayerfully consider joining a Bible study group. You may well have much to contribute as well as much to gain. Blessings, Andrew



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, 26 July 2026, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB404): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Romans 8: 26 - 30, 38-39, Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52

Readings: Grace@ 10.30: Luke 9:28-36, Acts 5: 1 - 16

Roster for Sunday 26 July: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Marys

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	A Roberton	J Fletcher	C Morrall	Susie & Linda
10.30am	F Brooker	TBC	F Brooker	S Zyskowski	Loren/
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