
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 26 July 2026, 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Grace @10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Jenny Fletcher (All Saints), Fiona Brooker (St Marys)

READINGS

Romans 8:26-30,38-39: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52: The parables of the mustard seed, the yeast, and the treasure.

READINGS - GRACE

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

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, we lift before you those we know who are struggling in body, mind or spirit. Grant us boldness and courage by your Holy Spirit, that we may speak words of hope and encouragement to those we know. For you have words of eternal life and you have entrusted those words to us.

Amen

SENTENCE

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

COLLECT

God of mercy, you have blessed us beyond our dreams; you have set before us promises and perils beyond our understanding; help us to struggle and pray that the perils may be averted and your promises fulfilled. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. 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 28 July	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 29 July	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Fri 31 July	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 31 July	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sat 1 Aug	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys

FROM THE OFFICE

Jenny will be away on leave from 27 July to 10 August. The office will be covered by clergy during this time so it will only be open 9am - 12 noon Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. During this time, responses to emails, phone calls, and other enquiries may take a little longer than usual. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.



Sunday Roster - August/September. The final roster has been sent out. If you are not available on a rostered day please arrange a swap. Thank you for your service to the parish in these tasks you undertake.

REFLECTION

The mustard plant of Palestine was very different from the mustard plant which we know in this country. To be strictly accurate, the mustard seed is not the smallest of seeds; the seed of the cypress tree, for instance, is still smaller; but in the middle east it was proverbial for smallness. For example, the Jews talked of a drop of blood as small as a mustard seed; or, if they were talking of some tiny breach of the ceremonial law, they would speak of a defilement as small as a mustard seed; and Jesus himself used the phrase in this way when he spoke of faith as a grain of mustard seed (Matthew 17:20). In Palestine, this little grain of mustard seed did grow into something very like a tree. W. M. Thomson in *The Land and the Book* writes: 'I have seen this plant on the rich plain of Akkar as tall as the horse and his rider.' He says: 'With the help of my guide, I uprooted a veritable mustard-tree which was more than twelve feet high.' In this parable, there is no exaggeration at all. Further, it was a common sight to see such mustard bushes or trees surrounded with a cloud of birds, for the birds love the little black seeds of the tree, and settle on the tree to eat them. — William Barclay

Parish Mission Plan Follow Up - Competition

Thank you to those who have submitted ideas for our parish 'purpose' statement. This weekend you have an opportunity to vote for your favourite, either at the Pot Luck dinner or at this weeks services. The winner will be announced next week.

Ideas submitted are:

'Share the Good News of Jesus.'

'Living God's word, gathering community.'

'Reaching out in God's love.'



Parish Fair - Saturday 17 October, 10am



Planning for our annual fair is quietly getting underway.

Robyn Hocking has again taken on the organising of the raffle which is a big fundraiser - thank you Robyn. She is currently contacting donors to put together the prize list. If you wish to donate a prize for the raffle, or know of a business who might donate a prize, please let Robyn know. Robyn can be contacted on 027 319 8717 or robynhocking@xtra.co.nz

Data Projector Roster at St Marys

Some of our operators have other roles which has reduced the number of people we have available for the data projector. If you would be willing to take a turn at this, please let Rev John know, or email the office. We will provide training and there is always someone there to assist if needed.



Thank you to all who attended the Pot Luck dinner and helped to make this a great night.



Prebbleton Growth Group

Meets at 7.00pm second and fourth **Wednesday**. Hosted by Veve, 8 Sky 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, 2 August 2026, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am (NZPB456), Grace @ 10.30am: Rev John Shoaf
St Marys: 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings - St Marys: Luke 9: 28 - 36, Acts 5: 1 - 16

Readings - All Saints: Psalm 17: 1 - 7, Matthew 14: 13 - 21

Roster for Sunday 2 August: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Marys

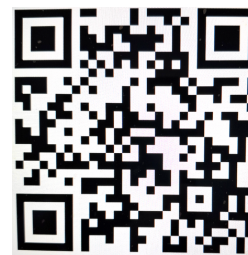
	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	M Foster	V Vandenberghe	R Hocking	C Morrall	Jean
10.30am	M Fryer	R Edward	M Fryer	N Jones/	Jenny/
	Data Proj:	P Mosley		D Watson	Lynette

Church Donations

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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