
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 6 September 2026, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'



All Saints: 9.00am (NZPB404) & Grace@10.30am: Rev John Shoaf

St Mary's: 10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Liz Stewart (All Saints), Sarah Mosley (St Marys)



READINGS - ALL SAINTS

Romans 13:8-14: Love for one another.
Matthew 18:15-20: Reproving a brother or sister who sins.

READINGS - ST MARYS

Matthew 10: 16 - 22, Acts 5: 17-28

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious Lord Jesus, we wish to save our lives and gain eternity in your presence; help us to deny ourselves and take up our own crosses in faith and truth; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

SENTENCE

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
Romans 13:10

COLLECT

Creator God, you have made us not in one mould, but in many: so deepen our unity in Christ that we may rejoice in our diversity. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 8 Sept	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 9 Sept	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 9 sept	11.00am	Bible Study, St Marys
Wed 9 Sept	7.00pm	Growth Group, Prebbleton
Thurs 10 Sept	7.00pm	Growth Group, Halswell
Fri 11 Sept	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 11 Sept	1.30pm	Ashford Village Service
Fri 11 Sept	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sat 12 Sept	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys
Sun 13 Sept	2.00pm	AAW Service at Cathedral

REFLECTION

Let the Word Dwell Richly. While I could say this of many, if not all, of the books in the Bible, Ephesians is a book well worth studying in depth. One of the reasons is it contains a great incentive to both understand, and utilise God's Word in our process of becoming like Christ. Ephesians helps us understand the church as it really is. And ourselves as we could be. This is important because what we see as representative of the church can sometimes leave us feeling a little underwhelmed. The Church though is magnificent. Both because every believer here below is a wonderful work in progress. AND because in the heavenlies the church, as in believers, have been raised up with Him, and are seated with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:6) Ephesians shows us the church from a cosmic perspective. The church above and below if you like. In Ch 4 we see another remarkable thing. And a the key in our becoming all we can be in Christ. Vs 15 " but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Note the context. Vs 11-13, teaching gifts and becoming like Christ. Vs 14 contrast result false teaching. Then obviously vs 15. There is a reason that only specific (of many) gifts are mentioned in Eph. Because teaching and understanding truth is imperative if we are to grow. Further, and here's the bit you may never have considered. We are all preachers, in respect to our duty to "speak the truth' into each others lives. (Christian to Christian) That begs the question "do we know God's word to the extent that we can appropriately (and lovingly) apply it to another believers life for their edification and encouragement? And secondly, if we do, do we speak it to each other? * If not, not only will they not grow, neither will we. Read, reread the read again chapter 4 of Eph. Then read chapter 1:1-14. The read Pauls prayer 15-23 and see if it does not give you a new and elevated perspective as we look to him and at each other. Blessings, Andrew * (not just quoting scripture. Applying the principles of scripture)



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

It is just 6 weeks until the fair so we need everyone to be thinking how to get involved. Lots of practical things to do from now on as well, read on....

Gazebos Needed: do you have a gazebo stored away we can use for the Fair - we need 2 more. Please let Rob Mugford know if you can help with this one.

Advertising: Pick up a poster and take to places you visit during the week.

Mystery Bottle Stall

We are collecting Mystery Bottles for the stall. Bottles, jars or cans (full and sealed only) can be of any size, or shape, fizzy to fruit juice, shampoo to sauce. No jars or bottles filled with other items for safety reasons. Drop something extra into the supermarket trolley and leave your donations in the box at the back of church over the coming weeks. Thank you.



Raffle Books are available to pick up this Sunday!

There is a great collection and variety of prizes including the first prize of a \$250 Voucher from New World Halswell. Please pick up a book of tickets to sell, a good way to advertise the fair.

We do not have a grocery hamper this year due to the generous prize donated by New World, so put your donating efforts into mystery bottles and jars!



Learn Tai Chi

Vital Class

- for beginners to advanced -

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:45am

St Mary's Church Hall
329 Halswell Road, Halswell

All Welcome
Contact: Steve 021-640733





Welcome Spring

*© sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord, bless his name;
shew forth his salvation from day
to day. Psalm 96:1-2*

God Bless



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, 13 September 2026, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB456): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Romans 14: 1 - 12 Matthew 18: 21-35

Readings: Grace@ 10.30: Matthew 4: 23 - 25, Acts 8: 2 - 25

Roster for Sunday 13 September: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	M Foster	A Roberton	R Hocking	L Stewart	Jean
10.30am	M Fryer	L Gough	M Fryer	R Hubbard/	Sarah/
	Data Proj:	P Zyskowski		A Thomas	Justine

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.

Bank Account Name: **Anglican Parish of Halswell-Prebbleton**

Bank Account Number: **03-1584-0016851-02**



Contact Us

Vicar: Rev John Shoaf: 021 227 7365
E: shoafc@yahoo.com
Assistant: Rev Andrew Hoggan: 027 759 1783
E: hogganap@gmail.com

Warden: Paul Mosley: 027 270 6493
Warden: Simon Scoulding: 022 658 9739
Prebbleton Warden:
Graham Carpenter: 02102856524

Children and Youth

Youth Minister:
Marco Bischler: 021 08 49 70 13
E: youth@halswellchurch.org
Kids Church
St Marys: Jenny Lowe: 027 462 0596
All Saints: Vacant - contact Rev Andrew
Dominos Youth
Marco Bischler: 021 08 49 70 13
Lucy Brooker: 022 650 4149

Church Office: 329 Halswell Rd

Administrator: Jenny Lowe
T: 03 322 6095
E: office@halswellchurch.org
Open: Wed, Thur, Fri: 9am - 1pm

Web Pages

www.halswellchurch.org
www.prebbletonchurch.org
