ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 15 November 2026, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'

All Saints: 9.00am (NZPB456) & St Marys:10.30am: Rev John Shoaf
Grace@10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan
Service Leaders: Murray Foster (All Saints), Ormond Wilson (St Marys



READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: The day of the Lord.
Matthew 25:14-30: The parable of the bags of gold.

READINGS: GRACE@10.30

Romans 6: 1 - 6, Colossians 2: 16 - 3: 4

SENTENCE

Since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.
1 Thessalonians 5:8

COLLECT

We pray you, Jesus, take the old water, our busy conscientious lives, and turn them into gospel wine, that everyone may see your life and thirst; for the glory of your holy name. Amen



PRAYER

Gracious God, help us always to serve you, employing the gifts you have given us, to your glory; and forgive us our faults; 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 17 Nov	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 18 Nov	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Fri 20 Nov	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 20 Nov	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Fri 20 Nov	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth Group, St Marys
Sun 22 Nov	5.00pm	Final AMPED for the year, St Marys
Wed 25 Nov	3.15pm	After School at All Saints
Sun 29 Nov	4.00pm	Journey to Christmas, St Marys

ROSTERS



The rosters for December and January will be prepared next week. If you know now of any dates in December and January when you will be away, please email the office by **Wednesday 18 November.** The Christmas Service Rosters will be prepared separately. If you are not currently on any roster and would like to serve in worship, please talk to Rev John or email the office.

REFLECTION

"The people have spoken. We just have to figure out what they have said." That line may well go down in the annals of political history in pointing to a somewhat overcomplicated and confusing evolution in the MMP system. As I pondered in an earlier reflection, "Politicians may have some answers. But do they have the answer?" We look to people, in respect to thinking they can save us, or bail us out of whatever predicament we we find ourselves in to our peril. Even the heroes of the faith had feet of clay. It is a sobering fact that Solomon, the so called "wisest man who ever lived", was dumb enough to build pagan places of worship for his many, many, many many, many wives and concubines. I wonder also at the wisdom of taking twice as long to build your own house, as compared building the house of the Lord, the Temple. I'm not sure it was because he was dragging his feet when it came to his own house. The scriptures give us ample evidence as to the folly of putting trust in anything other than God, and the Gospel that reveal God to us. Of course a proviso of trusting the Gospel is that the Gospel is being rightly and faithfully communicated. We all know the scriptures can be twisted and misused to fit human agendas. And the only answer to that, from a preachers perspective anyway, is time with God and time in God's word, lots of it. So I wait and wonder what will come next as results are finalised, and negotiations determine the shape and style of our government. Importantly also, I wait with the perspective that God is sovereign, and the best thing we can do is hope in Him, as we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Blessings, Andrew

AMPED Worship, Sunday 29 November at 2.00pm, St Marys

This is a time of informal worship and connecting with God. All are welcome and there is food and fellowship to follow. This will be the final AMPED for 2026

Family Event at St Marys, Sunday 29 November at 4pm

The event will include games, crafts, tea and coffee, and a free sausage sizzle. Thank you to all those who have already signed up to help, if you wish to get involved please talk to Marco or Jenny - there are plenty of tasks and gaps to fill to make this great community day. Please pray for the team as the arrangements come together.



A Baby born to be King - After School Programme, All Saints

There will be 2 after school sessions for children at All Saints on Wed 25 November and 2 December, at 3.15pm. No charge. Contact Pam Reveley for more information.
pamprev@gmail.com

International Year of Volunteer

The Volunteer of the Month for November is Veve Vandenberghe. Veve is often seen at both Prebbleton services, reading the first lesson, leading prayers, serving tea and tidying up after the service, and anything else that needs doing. She also hosts the Wednesday night Growth Group, and was instrumental in planning the Grace@10.30 service. Thank you, Veve, for all you do for our Parish!

New! Zumba Class at St Marys - Saturday at 3.30pm.

My name is Laura and I am your new Zumba instructor. I have been taking Zumba for many years and recently got my instructors licence. I will be taking a class at St Mary's Hall each **Saturday, starting 14 November, 3.30pm-4.30pm.** Cash payment at the door, $10 per person. You don't need to have any background in dancing, just a love of music and be willing to bust a few moves and have some fun. Wear some comfortable shoes. Please bring a water bottle with you, preferably full. Contact number is 0273086366

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, 22 November 2026, 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, (NZPB 476), St Marys: 10.30am: Rev John Shoaf
Grace@ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11 - 16, 20 - 24, Matthew 25: 31 - 46
Readings: Grace@10.30: Ephesians 4: 11 - 16, Colossians 3: 5 - 17

Roster for Sunday 22 November: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	R Hocking	J Fletcher	R Seyb	Olive
10.30am	M Fryer	Youth	M Fryer	D Watson/	Loren/
	Data Proj:	Robson		L Gough	Nick

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