

Anglican Parish of Halswell Prebbleton

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Sunday 22 March, 5th Sunday in Lent
All Saints, Prebbleton: 9.00am (NZBP456), Grace @10.30am
St Marys, Halswell:10.30am (NZPB 456)

All Saints, Prebbleton

Presiding: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leader: Jenny Fletcher

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

St Mary's, Halswell

Presiding: Rev John Shoaf

Service Leader: Fiona Brooker

Sentence: The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6

Collect: God in Trinity, Creator, Saviour, Giver of life and truth, reveal the possibilities within us, that we may attain to the fullness of our humanity. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen

Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14: The valley of dry bones.

John 11:17-45: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Prayer for the Week



Loving God, we thank you for our community, for the people who care, share, and serve. Bring healing to those who are unwell, lonely, or hurting in any way.

Help us to be gentle with one another and to show your love in simple, kind actions as we walk the Lenten journey.
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 24 Mar	9.30am	Walking Group, All Saints
Wed 25 Mar	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 25 Mar	3.00pm	Banbury Park Service
Wed 25 Mar	3.15pm	After School Programme, All Saints
Thurs 26 Mar	3.15pm	SMASH After School, St Marys
Fri 27 Mar	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 27 Mar	11.00am	St John of God Service
Fri 27 Mar	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Marys
Sat 28 Mar	7.30am	Men's Group, St Marys
Sun 29 Mar		Palm Sunday
Sun 12 Apr	11.45am	Parish AGM, St Marys



Reflection: Deep mourning lasted for seven days, of which the first three were days of weeping. During these seven days, it was forbidden to anoint oneself, to put on shoes, to engage in any kind of study or business, and even to wash. The week of deep mourning was followed by thirty days of lighter mourning. So when Jesus found a crowd in the house at Bethany, he found what anyone would expect to find in a Jewish house of mourning. It was a sacred duty to come to express loving sympathy with the sorrowing friends and relations of one who had died. The Talmud says that whoever visits the sick shall deliver his soul from Gehenna; and Maimonides, the great medieval Jewish scholar, declared that to visit the sick takes precedence over all other good works. Visits of sympathy to the sick, and to the sorrowing, were an essential part of Jewish religion. A certain Rabbi expounded the text in Deuteronomy 13:4 translated in the Revised Standard Version as: 'You shall walk after the Lord your God.' He said that text commands us to imitate the things which God is depicted as doing in Scripture. God clothed the naked (Genesis 3:21); God visited the sick (Genesis 18:1). God comforted the mourners (Genesis 25:11); God buried the dead (Deuteronomy 34:6). In all these things, we must imitate the actions of God. Respect for the dead and sympathy for the mourner were an essential part of Jewish duty. As the mourners left the tomb, they turned and said: 'Depart in peace,' and they never mentioned the name of the one who had died without invoking a blessing on it. There is something very lovely in the way in which the Jews stressed the duty of showing sympathy to the mourner. It would be to a household crowded with sympathizers that Jesus came that day. — William Barclay



Notice of Annual General Meeting—Sunday 12 April 2026

The AGM for Parish will be held at the St Marys Hall, following the 10.30am service on 12 April 2025 (approx. 11.45am). At this meeting the reports will be presented and there will be the election of officers for the 2026. Any general motions for discussion should be notified to the office by Friday 10 April, All members of the parish, aged 16 and over and registered in the Parish for 2 months or more are entitled to speak and vote. A summary of all reports will be available on Sunday 5 April.

Nominations for Peoples Warden, Treasurer and Vestry: Nomination forms are available at both churches. Please complete and return to the office no later than **Friday 10 April 2026**.

From this weeks Vestry Meeting...

- Vestry approved a quote from Brooklyn Services to repair the water pipes behind the hall and this work is expected to be done this week.
- Vestry approved an increase in the cost of columbarium spaces at St Marys to bring it in line with the All Saints charges
- New poster cases are going up at both churches to enable us to advertise special events more visibly.

Nominations are open for Vestry, Treasurer and Peoples Warden. Please consider prayerfully whether you might serve in any of these positions, or know of anyone who would be interested. A nomination must have the nominees approval.

Parish of Halswell Prebbleton Easter Services



Thursday 2 April, Maundy Thursday

7.00pm, St Marys, Halswell

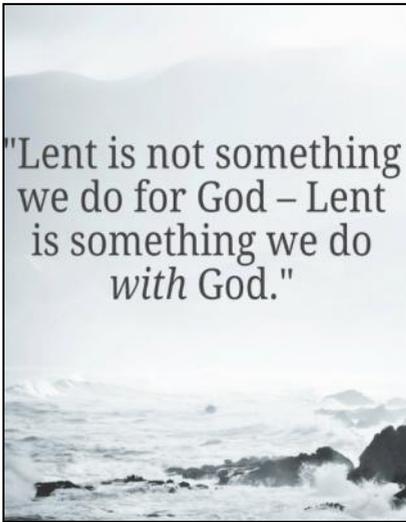
Friday 3 April, Good Friday

10.00am, All Saints Prebbleton

Sunday 5 April, Easter Day

9.00am, All Saints Prebbleton

10.30am, St Marys Halswell



"Lent is not something
we do for God – Lent
is something we do
with God."

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

Next Sunday 29 March 2026, Palm Sunday
All Saints Prebbleton: 9.00am (NZPB404), Grace @ 10.30am
St Marys, Halswell: 10.30am (All Age Service)

All Saints: Phillipians 2: 5—11, Matthew 21: 1—11

St Mary's: Zechariah 9: 9-10, Matthew 21: 1—10

Roster for Next Week, 29 March
9.00am—All Saints, 10.30am—St Marys

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	M Foster	R Hocking	R Hocking	L Stewart	Jean
10.30am	S Mosely	TBC	TBC	Sarah Z/ Natalie Z	Youth Group
	Data Proj:	P Zyskowski			

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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Sermons are available on line.

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