
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 20 September 2026, 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'

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

Grace@10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: Jenny Fletcher (All Saints), Ormond Wilson (St Marys)



SENTENCE

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Philippians 1:27

COLLECT

God, you have given us a lodging in this world but not an abiding city. Help us, as a pilgrim people, to endure hardness, knowing that at the end of our journey Christ has prepared a place for us. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of love and abundance, when the Israelites in the desert were hungry, you gave them manna from heaven; grant us also our daily bread, and make us ever grateful for your many gifts and blessings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS

Exodus 16:2-15: God gives the Israelites manna from heaven.

Matthew 20:1-16: The labourers in the vineyard.

READINGS - GRACE@ 10.30

Isaiah 53: 4-7, Acts 8: 26 - 40



AMPED is on TONIGHT at St Marys, 5.00pm.

Gathering the community for informal worship with food and fellowship to follow. Come and join us. All ages welcome!

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 22 Sept	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 23 Sept	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 23 Sept	11.00am	Bible Study, St Marys
Wed 23 Sept	7.00pm	Growth Group, Prebbleton
Thurs 24 Sept	7.00pm	Growth Group, Halswell
Fri 24 Sept	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 24 Sept	6.30pm	DOMINOS Youth, St Marys
Sat 25 Sept	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys
Sat 17 Oct	10.00am	Parish Fair

From the Office.....

Rev John will be away overseas on leave from 21 - 30 September. Services will be covered by Rev Andrew and Marco. And urgent needs can be directed to Rev Andrew or the wardens.

REFLECTION

Sometimes before a programme is aired on TV a warning of some sort will be posted. Something to the tune of: "Warning: Some parts of the following might be disturbing or upsetting to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised."

I have sometimes pondered giving a warning before some bible passages are preached upon. Something to the tune of: "Warning: what follows might be upsetting or disturbing to some hearers. To which I could add, "If you are not disturbed or offended you have not been listening." While the Gospel is "good news" and one would always want to keep the lines of communication open, and so never deliberately seek to offend or upset, the Gospel is offensive and disturbing. That is till God so works in our hearts and minds that we see ourselves as we are, and God as he is.

The Apostle Paul talked of the cross being scandalous, offensive and foolish. He talked of Christians being the fragrance of Christ. To those who are saved we are the fragrance of life. To those who are perishing we are the fragrance of death. I think that means that, ideally, our lives would so show the reality of Christ, that our witness would encourage hope and faith to some. And confirm the emptiness, hopelessness and ultimate price of rejecting the one who is the means of life to others. Let me be so bold as to suggest that if, when you hear or read the word, you are not both helped and disturbed, or encouraged and disturbed, you are not hearing or reading adequately. Blessings, Andrew



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

4 weeks to go!

Stall Holder Meeting this Sunday, 20 Sept
after the 10.30am service at St Marys.



Cake Stall: Maybe baking is not your thing, but you could donate some ingredients for others to cook up. Flour, butter, eggs, sugar etc can be used by others!

Everyone can be clearing out cupboards and sorting items you no longer need, good used clothing, books, puzzles, CDs and odds and ends for the white elephant stall. Keep a box in the garage, goods can be dropped off in the week of the Fair.



Mystery Bottle Stall

We are collecting bottles and cans (full and sealed only) for this stall. Items can be of any size, or shape, fizzy to fruit juice, shampoo to sauce. 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 at both churches. Robyn is away this week so at All Saints, Veve Vandenberghe will have tickets, and at St Marys, see Anne Gough.

St Michael and All Angels 175th

You are invited to join us to celebrate 175 years
of the establishment of the Anglican Parish of Christchurch
St Michael's with a High Mass of Thanksgiving on
Michaelmas Tuesday 29th September at 7pm

Preacher: Archbishop Emeritus Sir David Moxon

*This will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.
For an indication of numbers please RSVP to saintmichaels175@gmail.com*



Sunday 4 October at 7.00pm,
at Church of St Mary,
Martindales Rd, Heathcote. Rev
John will be playing. Come for
desert and stay for fellowship



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, 27 September 2026, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, (NZPB 404), Grace@10.30am: Rev Andrew Hoggan
St Marys: 10.30: Marco Bischler

Readings: All Saints: Galations 3: 1 - 6, Acts 9:26-40

Readings: St Marys: Phillippians 2: 1 - 11, Matthew 21:23 - 32

Roster for Sunday 27 September: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	L Stewart	R Hocking	L Stewart	M Foster	Graeme
10.30am	A Gough	Youth	A Gough	D Watson/	Jenny/
	Data Proj:	S Scoulding		D Shepherd	Lynette

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