
ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 4 October 2026, 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'

All Saints: 9.00am (NZPB456) & Grace@10.30am: Rev John Shoaf

St Mary's: 10.30am: (NZPB456) Rev Andrew Hoggan

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



READINGS - ALL SAINTS

Philippians 3:4b-14: Pressing towards the goal.

Matthew 21:33-46: The parable of the wicked tenants.

READINGS - ST MARYS

Galatians 1: 11 - 17, Acts 9:1 - 19

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Gracious Lord, we know that you long for your people to return to you; help us to know you; help us to follow you; help us to press on to reach the goal of union with you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers all those who are working in the background on the preparations for the church fair, and that we are blessed with fine weather!

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 6 Oct	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 7 Oct	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 7 Oct	11.00am	Parish Belles, St Marys
Fri 9 Oct	9.45am	No Lil Boppers - Holidays
Fri 9 Oct	1.30pm	Ashford Village Service
Sat 10 Oct	7.30am	Mens Group, St Marys
Sat 17 Oct	10.00am	Parish Fair
Sun 18 Oct	5.00pm	AMPED, St Marys

RON AND JOAN GILLATT TRUST

You may have read recent media activity about the Ron and Joan Gillatt Charitable Trust. Our Parish is listed as one of the 14 recipients of this Trust. The funds from the trust are distributed annually and are specifically for the purpose of building maintenance. The 2025 distribution was used primarily to fund the interior painting of the St Mary's Hall. In 2026 Vestry will be looking at the maintenance priority needs for the current year and make decisions on how best to use each distribution.

Ron and Joan Gillatt had a passion for helping others and created a Charitable Trust to carry their values forward. It is an ongoing commitment to make a positive impact on the city they loved. We are incredibly fortunate and grateful to them for their support which will maintain our buildings so that we, in turn, can make a positive contribution to the community we serve.

REFLECTION

What will we get in our back pocket? That regrettably is so often the question that dictates our choices in life. Judging by how many times I have to listen to politicians talking about my "back pocket" it would seem they feel that is the criteria I will use when I vote. Not a bit of it. As a friend of mine once said, "you don't get to heaven any faster in Porche." Mind you they are very nice cars and most who have them have worked for them.

All that said. How I long that true and beneficial criteria would shape our choices. Sure leaders can, and often do, achieve great things for us. But in a way it's all a bit like putting a sticking plaster on a septic and fatal wound. If we want to solve the real problem we have to deal with sin and how many would use that as their campaign slogan? Sticking plasters on septic sores is not the solution we need. CS Lewis said "pain and suffering is the megaphone that God so often uses to reach a deaf humanity". I think that that means we are our own worst enemy. The fact is, without Jesus everything is stuffed, and we have no hope. Even our modest political or economic successes will come to nothing. "Sticking plasters on septic sores." I want real solutions and in Jesus, thank God, I have them. Blessings, Andrew



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

It is just 2 more weeks to the Fair and there are lots of ways you can help - in addition to cleaning out unwanted items. Please read the additional insert for information about timings and ways you can help.

What's happening at the Fair?

As a Parish we have 13 stalls/activities including books, toys, plushies, knitting, white elephant, plants, baking; activities including mystery bottles, chocolate wheel, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, devonshire teas and a duck pond. As well as this we have 28 external stall holders joining us this year. A range of crafts, including face painting, and community groups such as the Community Garden. We also have food vendors selling a range of foods, chips, kebabs, cookies, coffee carts, icecream and candy floss. Invite your friends to check out the stalls, sit on the back lawn and relax with treasures purchased as you listen to the live music. A great day out!

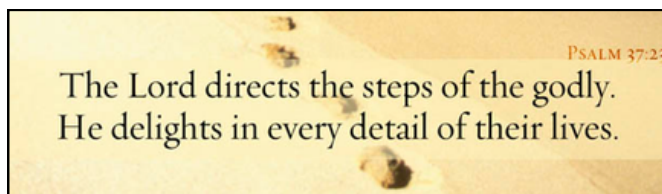


A huge thank you to all those who have taken raffle tickets to sell, there has been a great response. All books and money need to be back with Robyn (or dropped into the office) no later than Sunday 11 October. There will be some tickets available for sale at the fair.



It is now the school holidays so there is no Kids Church programme at St Marys this week.

If you are in church with children, please pick up an activity pack from the back of church - there is a space for them to work on these activities at the back of church.



NZ CHRISTIAN BOOK EXPO
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EMPOWER CHURCH CHRISTCHURCH
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THURSDAY OCTOBER 8th 2026
6.30 - 9.30PM
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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

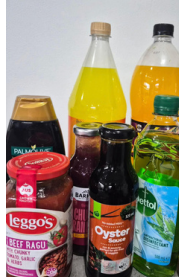


PARISH FAIR INFORMATION SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER AT 10AM



Mystery Bottle Stall

We are aiming to get 100 bottles for this stall. This is like a 'lucky dip'. You pay \$2 and draw a number which corresponds to a bottle/jar and you win that bottle. Please bring along a bottle to add to this stall and put the box in church - one bottle from every person will help reach our target!



Baking Stall

Baking can be dropped off into the hall kitchen on Friday 16 October, the team will be meeting around 1pm to price the goods.

Set up Help (before the Fair)

Helpers will be needed before the Fair to set up trestles and sort the donated goods. Please add your name to the list in church if you can help on either day.

Thursday 15 Oct: 10am - setting up trestles in the hall and emptying the storeroom.

Friday 16 Oct: 9am onwards - sorting and pricing of white elephant items. It is likely the hall will be open all day for drop off.

Set up/Pack down Help - Saturday 17 October

A team of helpers is needed for setting up tents/gazebos on the Saturday morning. This will start at **6.00am** and Lucy Brooker co-ordinate this. The aim is to have tents all up by 7.30am when the 28 external stall holders will start arriving! Please add your name to the list in church if you can help. Bring a mallet if you have one! Stall holders in tents you will be able to start moving goods out to tents by around 8am. Pack down will be from 1pm onwards, followed by refreshments in the hall.

Stalls Needing Helpers

We need a good team at the White Elephant stall who can 'roam'. If you can help out please add your name to the list in church. We also need to have someone on the door to manage entry/exit. The Plant Stall could also do with extra help especially at the beginning of the fair.

Can you help with.....

- Packaging - shopping bags, paper or otherwise, drop into the office
- Chairs - for the back lawn, please name them so you get them back
- Rubbish bins - we need extra bins around the grounds if you have any you can loan - please name so its returned to you.

Next Sunday, 11 October 2026, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints: 9.00am, St Marys : 10.30am (NZPB476): Rev John Shoaf
Grace @ 10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: Philippians 4: 1 - 9, Matthew 22: 1 - 14

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Roster for Sunday 11 October: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	L Stewart	A Roberton	L Stewart	C Morrall	Olive
10.30am	R Garters	R Hubbard	L Gough	R Hubbard/	Sarah/
	Data Proj:	Simon/Carlos		A Thomas	Daisy

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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