

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Sunday 29 November 2026, 1st Sunday in Advent

'Living God's Word, Gathering Community.'

All Saints: 9.00am (NZPB404) & Grace@10.30am: Rev John Shoaf
St Marys:10.30am: Marco Bischler
Service Leaders: Liz Stewart (All Saints), Fiona Brooker (St Marys)



SENTENCE

O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

COLLECT

God of hope, when Christ your Son appears, may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS ALL SAINTS

1 Corinthians 1:3-9: Prayer for God's presence and mercy.
Mark 13:24-37: The coming of the Son of Man.

READINGS: ST MARYS

Isaiah 64: 3 - 9, Mark 13: 24 - 37



PRAYER

Come, O come Emmanuel, you are the way, the truth and the life; you are the true vine and the bread of life; come, living Saviour, come to your world which waits for you. 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 1 Dec	9.30am	Walking Group, Prebbleton
Wed 2 Dec	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Wed 2 Dec	11.00am	Parish Belles
Wed 2 Dec	3.15pm	After School Programme, All Saints
Fri 4 Dec	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 4 Dec	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Sun 6 Dec		Second Sunday in Advent
Sun 13 Dec	10.30am	Kids Church end of year Service, St Marys
Sun 20 Dec	7.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols, All Saints

New Parish Website. The parish has a new website: halswellprebbleton.org.nz which replaces the 2 separate websites (old addresses will automatically go to the new site). Take a look! A big thank you to Chris Rutherford for this update.

ROSTERS

The final rosters for December and January have been emailed out. If you find you are not available on a rostered date, please arrange a swap with another person. Thank you to all on the roster for your service.

REFLECTION

The hope of Jesus' coming enables Christians to endure any affliction, but Jesus gives no precise timetable about how long it will take for the end to come after the temple's destruction. Two things are clear: The end of the temple must happen before the end of time, but it does not denote the end. Jesus is silent about what might lie between the two events. He simply says, "But in those days, following that distress." How long following that distress? Geddert contends that because Jesus neither affirms nor denies that there is a time gap between the destruction of the temple and the end in 13:24–27; he wants to prevent his followers from trying to nail down a specific chronology of end-time events.35 Anything is possible. The ambiguity is deliberate, and Jesus does not intend for us to try to unravel it. Otherwise, he would have given more definite clues. He expects his disciples to be ready for anything anytime. Busying oneself with calculations about dates is thus a fruitless exercise that can only distract from the mission that God has called the church to do—to preach the gospel. God does not require a studious deciphering of international threats and natural disasters but spiritual vigilance that makes one ready for Christ's return whenever he comes. — David E Garland

From Last Weeks Vestry Meeting

- Discussion about the Gillat Trust income and the maintenance priorities. A number of quotes for priority items will be obtained.
- Investigation is underway to identify any community grants which may be available to the parish
- Hall hire rates reviewed
- Review summary from the fair provided

Journey to Christmas at St Marys, TONIGHT at 4pm



A family event where we extend an invitation to the community to join us. There will be crafts, outside activities, songs, and a sausage sizzle. Thank you to all the parisioners who have supported this activity, and thanks to Harcourts Halswell for their sponsorship.



Christmas Gifts for the City Mission. There will be a Christmas tree in both churches next Sunday where you can leave gifts to go to the City Mission for distribution. Gifts should be left unwrapped (or wrapped in cling film. Donations will be delivered to the Mission on 14 December.

Bible Society Advent Reflections. If you are looking for an advent focus, the Bible Society has four weeks of Advent reflections on line. You can find these here: https://biblesociety.org.nz/advent-reflections



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

After School Session for children at All Saints on Wed 2 December, at 3.15pm. No charge. Contact Pam Reveley for more information. pamprev@gmail.com

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, 6 December 2026, 2nd Sunday in Advent
All Saints: 9.00am, (NZPB 456), St Marys: 10.30am: Rev John Shoaf
Grace@10.30: Rev Andrew Hoggan

Readings: TBC

Readings Grace@10.30: Isaiah 40: 1 - 11, Mark 1: 1 - 8

Roster for Sunday 6 December: 9am, All Saints and 10.30, St Mary's

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	J Fletcher	A Carpenter	J Fletcher	G Carpenter	Jean
10.30am	S Mosley	R Edward	S Mosley	D Watson	Jenny/
	Data Proj:	Carlos		D Shepherd	Lynette

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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