

Anglican Parish of Halswell Prebbleton

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Sunday 29 June 2025, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints Prebbleton: 9.15am

St Marys, Halswell: 10.30am (NZPB 476)

Presiding Minister: Rev'd Andrew Hoggan

Service Leaders: R Garters (All Saints), A Gough (St Marys)

Sentence:

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25

Collect:

Jesus crucified, despised and suffering,
you made yourself one with us.
Help us to follow you and bear the shame;
for the glory of your holy name. **Amen**



Readings:

Galatians 5:13-25: Life by the Spirit

Luke 9:57-62: The cost of following Jesus

Prayer: God our friend, you never change, you are always here. When we are lonely or helpless you watch over us. Hear us, be with us, as you were with your Son, alone on his cross; in his name we pray. **Amen**

Prayer for the Week

Gracious Lord, as we seek to grow our church, we ask you send us your people. Work in their hearts so that they turn to you, and let us serve you in helping them to know you and the great promise of your Gospel; in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

All are welcome to share in communion with us today, and everyone is warmly invited to share a time of fellowship and morning tea after the service.



Parish Calendar

Tues 1 July	9.30am	Walking Group, All Saints
Wed 2 July	10.00am	Communion Service, St Mary's
Wed 2 July	11.00am	AAW Meeting, St Marys
Fri 4 July	10.30am	Anthony Wilding
Fri 4 July	holidays	<u>No</u> Lil Boppers
Sat 5 July	7.30am	Men's Group Meeting, St Mary's
Sun 6 July	holidays	<u>No</u> Kids' Church



Kidsfest at the Cardboard Cathedral

Wednesdays 2 and 9 July
10am tour of the Cathedral

Followed by a fun craft activity - make your own cardboard stained glass window to take home. No charge. More details on the Kidsfest [website](#)



All Saints Update

Beginning 20 July, Andrew and I will offer a new, additional service at All Saints. Prebbleton is a growing community, and we have a great opportunity to grow our congregation, through bringing more people, particularly young adults and families, to a knowledge of and a relationship with God. In order to do that, we will offer a service which is designed to be accessible and understandable to new seekers, and new Christians. The liturgy we use will be easier to understand for those who don't have a background in Christian worship. The music will be more contemporary and easier to learn. There will be more of an emphasis on prayer. We will be installing a TV screen so that we can show the liturgy and videos, as we currently do at St Mary's. And we intend to make this an all-age service, with something for children as well as adults.

One thing that will never change: our responsibility to preach the Gospel. The service will remain focused on the Bible and particularly the teachings of Christ, through readings and sermons. God, Christ and the Spirit will remain the centre of our worship. We will celebrate Communion, which brings together the whole Body of Christ.

Our beautiful traditional service will continue, but will start at **9 am**, with the new contemporary service beginning at 10.30. These new times will begin on Sunday, 20 July. I ask for your prayers as we design and launch this new service. Pray that God will send us his people, that we may do our part in teaching them about the Gospel and the wonderful promise of eternal life in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reflection

Had Jesus' words "Take up your cross daily" never been spelled out concretely, they could have remained an ethereal ideal having the effect of background organ music or they could have sunk to some meaningless act of self-inflicted pain such as walking to work during Lent with a tack in one's shoe. Here, however, his words are translated into specific circumstances. The threefold pattern, common to storytelling in that culture, is "I will follow," "Follow me," and "I will follow." We do not know whether the three episodes once existed separately; Matt. 8:19–22 has the first two, and in a context prior to any talk of Jesus' passion. The effect, therefore, is quite different in Matthew. Here in Luke, the context provides the commentary. The one who has set his face like a firm stone to go to Jerusalem has no bargains to offer. "I am totally dependent on the hospitality of others; are you willing to be?" he says to the first volunteer. "Loyalty to me takes precedence over a primary filial obligation" he says to the second prospective disciple. "I expect more from you than Elijah asked of Elisha (I Kings 19:19–21)" is his word to the third, also a volunteer. For the preacher of the text to look for loopholes by impugning the motives of the three or by assuming that the father of the second man is not yet dead and may live for years is to trivialize the passage. The radicality of Jesus' words lies in his claim to priority over the best, not the worst, of human relationships. Jesus never said to choose him over the devil but to choose him over the family. And the remarkable thing is that those who have done so have been freed from possession and worship of family and have found the distance necessary to love them. — *Fred Craddock*

Rosters for August—September

The August—September rosters will be prepared soon. If you are not available for a duty during this period, please let the office know by noon, Wednesday 16 July.



Operation Christmas Child

Next school term we'll start collecting items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Leaflets are available with suggested items. Please collect a leaflet from the church or hall. Packing and delivery is in October so watch out for bargains to buy for the boxes over the coming weeks.



Next Sunday 6 July 2025 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints Prebbleton 9.15am NZPB 456
St Marys, Halswell, 10.30am NZPB 456

Readings:

Genesis 3:1-5: The First Sin and Its Punishment

Luke 1:1-4 : Dedication to Theophilus

Roster for Next Sunday 6 July

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.15am	J Fletcher	K O'Neill	J Fletcher	M Foster	Coral
10.30am	O Wilson	M Shoaf	O Wilson/	D Watson/	S & P Street
	Data Proj:	S Rees	Youth	L Gough	

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