



## Anglican Parish of Halswell Prebbleton

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**Sunday 1 March, 2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**All Saints, Prebbleton: 9.00am (NZBP456), Grace @10.30am**  
**St Marys, Halswell:10.30am (NZPB 456)**

### All Saints, Prebbleton

**Presiding:** Rev John Shoaf

**Service Leader:** Liz Stewart

**Sentence:** Jesus said to the devil, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Matthew 4:10

**Collect:** God, you know better than we the temptations that will bring us down. Grant that our love for you may protect us from all foolish and corrupt desire. Praise to you our God; you answer prayer. Amen.

### Readings

Romans 5:12-19: One man's trespass and another man's righteousness.  
Matthew 4:1-11: The temptation of Jesus.

### St Mary's, Halswell

**Presiding:** Rev Andrew Hoggan

**Service Leader:** Ormond Wilson

**Sentence:** And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

**Collect:** Lord Jesus, as we look to you we have life in you. Help us as we travel through this Lenten season, to be single minded, that our focus, thanks and praise might be directed to the one lifted up for all humanity. Amen.

### Readings:

Numbers 21: 5—9  
John 3: 1—17

## Prayer for the Week

Gracious Father, as Jesus withstood the devil's temptation in the wilderness and stayed true to you, help us also by granting us the strength to resist what tempts us; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 3 Mar	9.30am	Walking Group, All Saints
Wed 4 Mar	10.00am	Communion Service, St Marys
Thurs 5 Mar	3.15pm	SMASH After School, St Marys
Fri 6 Mar	9.45am	Lil Boppers, St Marys
Fri 6 Mar	10.30am	Anthony Wilding Service
Fri 6 Mar	6.30pm	Youth Group, St Marys
Fri 6 Mar	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service, St Marys
Sat 7 Mar	7.30am	Men's Group, St Marys
Sun 8 Mar	10.00am	Car Wash, St Marys
Sun 12 Apr		Parish AGM



### After School Programme at St Marys

SMASH will be held each Thursday until the end of March. We need helpers so if you can help on one or more Thursdays please talk to Marco or Jenny. Please pick up a flyer and share with parents of primary aged children who may be interested.

**Reflection:** If we see something enough it can almost become invisible. It can happen with landmarks. It can happen with relationships. Then for whatever reason we see it as if for the first time. Think of a relationship. We get comfortable. We take things for granted. We might even assume things are great when they are anything but. That's why its useful to step back, take stock, look afresh.

Lent gives us opportunity to do this. It's like a yearly "check in" if you like. 40 days to set aside the temptations which distract ,and see what's really going on in our interior, and spiritual life. Of course it's not just about looking inwards. More so, it's really about looking outwards and upwards. We look to Jesus, reflecting and focussing on the greatest and most influential event in human history. The death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Sometimes it takes something to shake us out of the normal and routine. Most usually, though not always, it's something challenging or unpleasant. It's then we are reminded of our frailty, our humility, our weakness, our need. Thankfully, and wonderfully, we have a saviour who knows our state and our struggles. As we look to Him, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, the one lifted up for all humanity, as we look to Him, we have redemption and life, hallelujah.  
Blessings, Andrew



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
New Zealand

A combined churches World Day of Prayer Service for Halswell will be held at St Marys on Friday 6 March at 7.00pm. Readers are needed for the service so if you can help please let Rev John know. The theme is "I will give you rest: Come". All Welcome

**Thank you** to everyone for your support of Friday Nights Quiz Night. Special thanks to New World for providing the \$100 voucher for first prize. All profits raised will go towards the Easter Camp fees for our young people.



*Quest for a cause*

Answer the call!  
Join a one-afternoon Dungeons & Dragons adventure created and run by our youth.  
All funds raised go to EasterCamp admissions.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March  
2:30pm - 5:30pm

All ages welcome!  
Never played? Perfect!

\$10 per person  
RSVP to [youth@halswellchurch.org](mailto:youth@halswellchurch.org)  
[@dominosyouth](https://www.instagram.com/dominosyouth)  
[halswellchurch.org](http://halswellchurch.org)

**Notice of Annual General Meeting:  
Sunday 12 April**

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 12 April after the 10.30 service at St Marys Hall.

**Reports:** If you are a warden or group leader please email your report for the year to the office no later than Friday 20 March. A full set of reports including financial reports will be available the Sunday prior to the meeting.

**In the Diocese...**

**Silent Retreat** at Sister Evelyn Retreat House: 15—17 May. Refer to website.

**Quiet Day**, 21 March 9am—3pm led by Bishop Peter at the Anglican Centre, 95 Tuam St. A morning of Bible study and afternoon in prayer for the world and the Diocese.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER  
CARWASH**  
At St Mary's Church,  
329 Halswell Rd  
**8TH MARCH, 10AM - 12PM**  
**\$10 PER CAR**

**Prayer for Lent**

*Father help me to see this season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace. Amen*

**Next Sunday 8 March 2026, 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**All Saints Prebbleton: 9.00am (NZPB404), Grace @ 10.30am**  
**St Marys, Halswell: 10.30am , NZPB404**

All Saints: Numbers 21: 5—9, John 3: 1—17

St Mary's: Romans 5: 1—11, John 4: 5—42

**Roster for Next Week, 8 March**  
**9.00am—All Saints, 10.30am—St Marys**

	Leader	Reading	Communion	Welcome	Morning Tea
9.00am	M Foster	A Robertson	L Stewart	Graeme	Veve
10.30am	M Fryer	S Street	M Fryer	R Hubbard/ A Thomas	Trudi/ Lyn
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### Church Donations

Your regular donations to the church can be made by Automatic Payment. Please email Simon Scoulding ([simon.scoulding@gmail.com](mailto:simon.scoulding@gmail.com)) Parish Recorder, for a reference number. All donations qualify for a tax rebate.

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#### Children's Programme (All Saints):

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### Sermons are available on line.

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FB: [St Mary's Anglican Church Halswell](#) and [All Saints Anglican Church Prebbleton.](#)

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