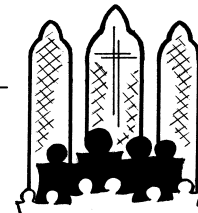


ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

Living the way of Jesus. Sharing our life together. Reaching out in God's love.

SUNDAY 18TH JULY 2010
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - BIBLE SUNDAY



WORSHIP TODAY: Eucharistic Liturgy at 8am & 9am: ANZPB Pg 476
10.00am: Family Service & Baptism

*All who are baptised, regardless of denomination, are welcome to have communion.
If you do not wish to receive bread or wine, please come forward for a blessing.*

SENTENCE FOR THE DAY:

God chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all creation. *James 1:18*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Almighty God,
your word is a lamp for our feet
and a light upon our path;
grant that by patient study of the Scriptures
we may follow more closely the way
that you set before us;
through Jesus Christ
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. **AMEN****

LESSON:

Isaiah 45: 2-25

GOSPEL:

Luke 4: 16-24



TODAY WE PRAY FOR....

- those with special needs, especially Emily Williamson, Beth Moores, Ruth Lang, Margaret Bennetts, Shirley Bishop, Susanne & Gemma McElroy.
- the Parish of Hororata: Vicar: The Revd Jenni Carter.
- The New Zealand Bible Society, the Bible Reading Fellowship, the Scripture Union and kindred societies.
- for Kaelyn Grace Climo being brought for baptism today at Saint Mary's and her parents and godparents in their important responsibilities.

AND WE GIVE THANKS FOR

- recent answers to prayer for those who have been ill or in need.
 - our parish family as we gather this morning.
 - for those who are visitors with us today.
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We invite you to join us in the hall for morning tea after the 9am & 10am services

Greetings all,

Besides gastro-bugs and the like, what struck me this week this noticing the atheist billboard up promoting that in the beginning Man created God.

Whilst I have no problem in differing creed noting and advertising what they do and what they stand for, it seems more than a little odd that the would be rationalogians would start by picking away at supporting scientific theory. In the beginning there wasn't really anyone around to be creating a god. That has actually only been the case in the past hundred thousand years or so. In fact I suspect that women had to have come first otherwise a while bunch of gents would have been sitting around scratching their heads in confusion at what to do next.

And the disclaimer - in much smaller type - that there probably is no God really is hedging bets.

But the great thing about atheists and others promoting opposing viewpoints is that it does generate debate. Indeed, the original London atheist campaign which New Zealand's is based on was born out of a response to some decidedly dodgy marketing from a more fanatical wing of the church - preaching eternal damnation for anyone who basically had no faith and therefore had their interest piqued by the billboard. Hence the response.

But what really is interesting about this billboard at the top of Lincoln Road is that it is very easy to remake God in our own image. To become theologians instead of theologians and try to fix the God that we do have to be more comfortable with what we are currently.

What is harder for us to do is to understand and come to terms with a God who is different from us, even though we are made in the image of this God. We have moved on from giant bearded pale faces up in the sky, and we seek to build community based on what we see as the interaction of God in Trinity.

To base ourselves, our lives and our Church on a different culture and set of values than what we would have otherwise? How rational is this? Debate and exploration will indeed lead us back to the arms of our Creator, if only to see our own follies and learn from our mistakes.

Blessings to you all this week,



Riding on Faith - All Saint's Prebbleton

Sunday 1st August 7pm. A great family sing-a-long of old favourites led by the band of Reg Garters with Alys on the organ and a special guest artist. See you there!



NEXT SUNDAY 25th July is Social Services Sunday and we invite your contributions for our **WINTER WARMERS APPEAL**

These are items that will be taken in to the City Mission to assist with their help to the needy of our community, particularly during these colder days - such things as rugs and blankets, warm clothing (especially coats and jackets.) etc. anything that will add little comfort and ward off the chill. The Mission's larder is always glad of some extra donations so extra food for our 'care baskets' wouldn't go amiss. Thank you to those who regularly pop items in there week by week.



This Wednesday we make our monthly visit to **ST JOHN OF GOD HOSPITAL** with communion. We do value the presence of parishioners on these occasions so please join us in their lounge for a 10:45am start or be at St Mary's for transport by 10:30am.



Dominos Bowling and McDonald's night was fantastic. Thank you to all those who bought in the bowling and McDonald vouchers for us.

At **Friends and Neighbours** this week they begin with soup and rolls for lunch at 12.30pm. Please bring a small plate to have with your cuppa. Anyone in the community is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship of this group. Just arrive or contact Diane 322 7328.

Vestry Snippets

St Mary's

1. The hole in the front has been filled at a cost of \$450.
2. Pinboards installed in the hall, and lounge fireplace hearth repaired.
3. Quotes for a chair stacker to hand.
4. A conservation plan being sought for the church.
5. Fire hoses soon to be removed from the hall.
6. Moss treatment of paths if this weekend is fine.

All Saints

Lounge carpet quote accepted and replacement to take place after winter.



40 Hour Famine in the parish raised \$1468 for World Vision. Together we have raised double what was raised for 2009. Excellent work....!

Have you registered your team for our Quiz night ?

THIS FRIDAY 23 July at 7:30pm - a fun night. Maximum of 16 teams accepted - usually 6 members in a team. Entry \$5 per person. Bring your own drink and nibbles, and money for raffles. Register now with Philippa (ph. 3442104 or email pehorn@xtra.co.nz).



We ask God's blessing on all activities we will do this week in His name.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday - 20th July

8.45 am	Morning Prayer	All Saints Church
9.20 am	Prebbleton Walking Group	outside All Saints
12.30 pm	Friends & Neighbours	Parish Lounge

Wednesday - 21st July

10.00 am	Eucharist	Parish Lounge
10.45 am	Eucharist	St John of God

Thursday - 22nd July

3.33 pm	Children's' Club	Parish Hall & Lounge
6.00 pm	Dominos - CHRUST begins	Parish Hall & Lounge

Friday - 23rd July

7.30 pm	Community Quiz	Parish Hall
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Saturday - 24th July

7.30 am	Men's Fellowship	Parish Lounge
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Sunday - 25th July - Social Services Sunday

Readings: Micah 6: 8-12, Matthew 25: 31-45

8.00 am	Eucharist	Saint Mary's Church
9.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
10.00 am	Eucharist	Saint Mary's Church
10.00 am	KFC, JAM & Upsized	Parish Hall

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HALL BOOKINGS

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