



Greetings all,

This has certainly been a busy week, with Rebecca now back in up north, and attending gatherings of lots of different meetings - its amazing how much we seem to do each week as a Parish community!

One of the important aspects of church life, especially Anglican life, is the local community - those who live around us. In the Dark and Middle Ages the church realized the need for every soul in England to have access to a church for worship on a Sunday. Hundreds of churches sprung up across the countryside almost one in every village. The great advantage of this was that the church focused mainly on the local community, feeding those who lived there and providing what the community wanted and needed, from worship to shelter and eventually a schooling system.

With the advent of bicycles and cars, suburban spread, the lowering of church numbers and the cost of maintaining so many old churches, church life changed because people could travel and shop around for their spiritual homes. But the needs of communities in which they live still remained.

As a Parish, we need to remember that although it is easy and good to be able travel to where we are most comfortable, we need to remember still the needs of those around us and the wider local community which we are a part of. Perhaps our *corporate* Lenten preparation (alongside the Lenten studies) should be hundreds of brainstorm conversations of the needs that we can meet for the community around us.

God Bless you in your prayers and work this week,



**Lenten Study Groups** A good movie, bible study and fellowship. Sounds like a good way to spend a couple of hours. Lenten Study Groups, over the next five weeks will be hosted by Vicar Bryan on Tuesday evenings 7pm at the Vicarage, 11 Six Silvers Ave, Halswell and at Judith Bylett's, 21A Sabys Road on Tuesday morning 10am. Prebbleton to be decided. Enquiries phone Philippa.





ROSTER time again! If you are unavailable for any Sunday during March/April please let Hilary know by ph 322 6095 or email maryalls@xtra.co.nz. We would encourage anyone who wishes to become involved on the service roster (especially as a sides person) to PLEASE COME FORWARD.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped with the working bee and other preparations for last week's institution service and particularly for such a GRAND supper. Well done! *Diane and Murray*



### Winter is Coming!!

**Are you well stocked up with Firewood?** Recent pruning work to our Heritage Listed Oak Trees at All Saints Prebbleton has resulted in us having available **good firewood for sale** - pick up or delivered. Proceeds to our Tosswill Lounge carpet fund. Call Murray 344 2322 or 0274 210002.



**World Day of Prayer  
Friday 5th March 2010 @ 7pm  
St Luke's Union Church  
Halswell Road**

**Copies of Revd. Michael Berry's sermon preached at the Institution, are available from the parish office.**



### **FAMILY FISH 'n CHIP NIGHT** Friday 5th March 5.30pm

in the parish hall. BYO drinks and please bring \$\$\$ for fish 'n chips. We look forward to a great gathering of parish families from Halswell & Prebbleton.

### **"Where His Steps Led"**

An Easter drama written by David Winfield and directed by Lesley McMillan is to be performed at Halswell Quarry Park on April 2-3. The drama requires a cast of 17 men, 8 women 1 child (12 yrs approx) plus a number of non-speaking roles. Please contact Lesley ph 942 2771 email [re-act@paradise.net.nz](mailto:re-act@paradise.net.nz) if you would like to take part.

**AAW Wednesday Meeting** will have a picnic after communion at St. Mary's this week. Please bring food to share.



### **The Association of Anglican Women (A.A.W.)**



is holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 26th February at

St. Christopher's Church Avonhead. Beginning at 5.45.p.m. with a shared "finger food" tea, the A.G.M. at 7.p.m. in the Church and concluding with the Commissioning Service of the new President and Committee and Group Leaders and Committee members. Members are asked if they can bring along birthday gifts for Walsh House e.g. hankies, talc, fancy soaps, facecloths, coffee mugs.

Many Thanks Jean Richards

Our six-week series on “**The Science and the Spirit of Good Parenting**” kicks off in the St Margaret's College Chapel this Monday (Feb 22), from 7 to 8.30pm. First up are presentations from the Children's Commissioner Dr John Angus and the Principal Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft. Bishop Victoria is introducing the series. The following weeks features specialists in child psychology, medicine, spirituality and the arts. Fee: \$60 for the full series or \$10 per session. Register NOW with Chris Church at Theology House, 03 355-9145

email [admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz](mailto:admin@theologyhouse.ac.nz)

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

**CHRIS  
MAYALLS**

**Tuesday - 23rd February**

9.20am	Prebbleton Walking Group	meet outside All Saints
1.30pm	Friends and Neighbours	Parish Lounge

**Wednesday - 24th February-**

10.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church
10.30 am	AAW Meeting and Picnic	Parish Lounge
10.00 am	Craft Group	Parish Hall

**Thursday - 25th February**

3.33 pm	Children's Club	Parish Hall/Lounge
7.30 pm	Paua Cantata	Parish Lounge

**Saturday - 27th February**

7.30 am	Men's Fellowship	Parish Lounge
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**Sunday - 28th February**

8.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church
9.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
10.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**Psalm 27    Luke 13: 31-35**

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