

ANGLICAN PARISH OF HALSWELL PREBBLETON

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2010



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

Lent 3



WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgy at 8am service: 1928

9 & 10am services: Thanksgiving and Praise NZPB p. 476

SENTENCE:

Be merciful to me O Lord, for I call to you all the day long; for you Lord are good and forgiving, and of great mercy to all who call upon you. *Psalm 86: 3,5*

LESSON:
Isaiah 55: 1-9
GOSPEL:
Luke 13: 1-9

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**God of grace and goodness,
you know that by reason of our frailty we cannot but fail;
keep us always under your protection
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



TODAY WE PRAY FOR...

- those with special needs, especially Ruth Lang, Margaret Bennetts, Shirley Bishop, Margaret Olley, Ron Dawson, Susanne & Gemma McElroy.
- the Diocese of Christchurch Special Synod this week and The Most Rev John and Margaret Sentamu.
- the Parish of Ashburton: Vicar: The Rev Jacqui Paterson (Craig), Priest Assistants: The Revs Heather Stewart, Rosalind Stewart & Michael Holdaway (Mary-Jo) and Deacon Assistants: The Revs Harold Dephoff (Joan) and Beryl Jaine.
- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: Primate and Archbishop of Aotearoa: The Most Rev Brown Turei (Mihi) Primate and Archbishop of the NZ Dioceses: The Most Rev David Moxon (Tureiti).
- The General Synod and its Standing Committee and General Secretary: The Rev Michael Hughes (Carole).
- for Dulcie and the family of Michael Tester whose funeral was at St Mary's this week.

AND WE GIVE THANKS FOR

- recent answers to prayer for -those who have been ill or in need.
- those who are visitors with us at worship today.

Greetings all,

Preparation is a response to expectation, and expectation is what our faith is based on - not just the relationship that we have with God now, but the expectation of a better life in this world and the next.

It is however a little strange thinking about expectation when we don't know what to expect. That is where hope comes in. I'm looking forward to the Crusaders verses that northern team on Saturday night. Not being 100% sure of the result, I'm looking forward to a great game of rugby. Because, while it is all about the end result, we still need to enjoy what new life has to offer us now.

The expectation that we have for Easter is that through Jesus' Passion and Resurrection we might have renewed relationship with God both now and in the future - and that renewed life through God's forgiveness and healing is even better still than life that we have at the moment. It is good now, better soon, and the best is yet to come!

At Dominos last night the groups took part in a feast and famine meal. Some were given a dinner of sausages and hot chips with jelly and icecream for dessert. They were waited on, and sat on chairs at a table. The rest (and they didn't have a choice) were given some soup and a bread roll to share. They sat on the floor; sitting in and on boxes. Although they complained in their poverty, with the need to find goodness in what they had, which group had the more fun over their dinner do you think?

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Feyn', written in a cursive style.

Our **Lenten Study Groups** continue this week on:

Tuesday mornings 10am at Judith Bylett's 21A Sabys Road

Tuesday evening postponed this week.

Thursdays 7.30pm with Philippa Horn, 41 Birchs Road, Prebbleton

This Wednesday 10th March is our next visit to conduct worship in the chapel at the **ANTHONY WILDING VILLAGE**. We encourage you to join us for this 11am service. Transport can be provided after our usual midweek communion at St. Mary's.



Notice is now given that the **PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on **Sunday 18th April** at 11am in the parish hall. **Reports** from the various groups within the parish are required **by Thursday 1st April** so they can be compiled and available for parishioners prior to the meeting.



On **Easter Morning 4th April** we will begin at 6:30am with the lighting of the Pascal Candle and Renewal of Baptismal Vows in All Saints Church. Breakfast will follow in the Tosswill Lounge at about 7am.



The next meeting of the **Thursday AAW** will be on **11th March** in the parish lounge at 7.45pm.

This is our planning evening for the year's programme and it will take place after our short service. Names of 2 speakers have been suggested already. Please bring some ideas and also bring items for a sales table.

For more information ring Rosemary Edward 3229962 or Liz Stewart 3490369

Easter Day Eucharists will be at:
8.00 am All Saints, Prebbleton
10.00 am St Mary's Halswell
(Please note the changes in times and venues. This is the end of daylight saving so the clocks go back an hour!)



There is still some very good firewood for sale from All Saints. A trailer load (1.6m) \$85 delivered within Prebbleton or \$90 delivered elsewhere. Contact Bill Nicholson on 344 2976. Proceeds to the Tosswill Lounge refurbishment fund.

We are presently reviewing the **SECURITY** arrangements for our church properties. It is a costly process so if you have any keys that you no longer need to hold please return them to the office. Code numbers will also be reissued shortly so please feel free to call Hilary 322 6095 if you wish to discuss this.



VESTRY SNIPPETS

- Letters have been received from the City Mission, Hospital Chaplaincy and Aranui/Wainoni Mission Unit, thanking us for our support.
- The memorial lamp in St Mary's grounds has been refurbished. Any donations towards the cost of this work would be appreciated.
- A worrying trend that offertories are down each month compared to the previous years.
- Handrails at entrances to St Mary's and restoration of memorial plaques are on the agenda.
- Additional grounds people at both churches are **URGENTLY NEEDED**.

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

CHRISTMAS

Tuesday - 9th March

9.20 am	Prebbleton Walking Group	meet outside All Saints
10.00 am	Lenten Study Group	21A Sabys Road
1.00 pm	Friends & Neighbours	Parish Lounge
7.00pm	Lenten Study Group	postponed this week

Wednesday - 10th March

7.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church
10.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church
11.00 am	Eucharist	Anthony Wilding Chapel
10.00 am	Craft Group	Parish Hall

Thursday - 11th March

3.33 pm	Children's Club	Parish Hall/Lounge
7.30 pm	Paua Cantata	Parish Lounge
7.30 pm	Lenten Study Group	41 Birchs Rd, Prebbleton

Saturday - 13th March

7.30 am	Men's Fellowship	Parish Lounge
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Sunday - 14th March

8.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church
9.00 am	Eucharist	All Saints Church
10.00 am	Eucharist	St Mary's Church
		and children's & youth ministry programmes



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Colossians 3: 12-17 John 19: 25b-27

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