# Sunday 2nd Nov, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



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## 10am Family Communion - All Souls Day Service

Sermon: "The Christian Hope" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Katy Cockerton Prayer: Sally-Ann Riddell

I hope you all had a great long weekend, and are now looking forward to meet and worship together again as a community. It is All Souls Day in the Christian calendar this Sunday, when Christians set aside this special day to remember our faithful departed loved ones. We are holding a special service, in which I invite you to bring along a framed photo of your passed loved one/s to place on the altar during the service. We will explore the meaning of All Hallows (Saints)/All Souls, and delve into the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the grave – this story gives us insight into our grief of missing our loved ones, as well as a message of hope! God bless, David.

**Baptism Service:** Next Sunday 9<sup>nd</sup> Nov is a Baptism Service for Jo, Abby, and Rebecca Dudson.

**Christmas Fair:** Is now meeting fortnightly. Please come on board with this exiting ministry – we need lots of helpers

**Church Building Fund.** We have recently commissioned an architect to draw up plans for the new church hall. Please contribute generously by paying directly into the church bank account, in the ref column, please write "Hall Fund".

### Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:

OT (Apocrypha): Wisdom 3:1-9 NT: Revelation 21:1-4 Gospel: John 11:1-44

**Children & Youth:** Cool activities in the Kidz space this Sunday!



#### + Prayer Points +

- Pray for Jo, Abby, and Rebecca Dudson as they prepare for Baptism
- That the Christmas Fair will begin to fall into place, and for those who are organizing it.
- For Christians in Iraq and Syria as they face persecution, and for peace in the Middle East.

