

Sunday 16th Nov, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10am Praise Service

Sermon: "Judge Judy? How about Judge Deborah!" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Valerie Crowther

Prayer: Sara Kimpton

It never ceases to amaze me how early Christmas decorations are put up in shops, and Christmas advertising begins – in October! It shows to me the meaninglessness of materialism and secular society has placed on to a Holy day of the Christmas Calendar, one in which we pause to wonder at the miracle of God sending his son incarnate to us to ultimately save us from our sin. Advent begins this month on the 30th Nov, in which we prepare ourselves for Christmas.

A few parishioners are running in the Around the Bridges Run this Sunday – all the best and hope you do well!
God bless, David.

Christmas Fair Raffle: Please contribute to the Christmas Fair raffle by donating non-perishable Christmas treats. The box is in the church porch

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Christmas Fair help: Is now meeting weekly at the Old Gordonton School at 7pm on Thursdays. Please come on board with this exiting ministry – we need lots of helpers! The date for the Christmas Fair is the 6th Dec from 10am to 2pm, but we need helpers from 7:30am throughout the day to the tidy up at the end.

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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 16th Nov:

OT: Judges 4:1-7

NT: 1 Thess 5:1-11

Gospel: Matt 25:14-30

Children & Youth: Meets this Sunday in the kids zone during church – cool activities for you to do!



+ Prayer Points +

- For the Ebola endemic – pray for all infected and the medical people who are caring for them.
- 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.

