# Sunday 30th Nov, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



#### Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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### 10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Advent 1: The Patriarchs" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Trish Smithson **Prayer:** Katy Cockerton

Wow! The church looks fabulous with all the beautiful Christmas decorations! Well done all who contributed! For those who are too shy to usually do so; between now and Christmas is an excellent time to invite friends along to a church service to worship in our very pretty church!

We need all hands on deck for next week's Christmas Fair – many hands make light work!

Each Advent Sunday I will be preaching on the topic of what each Advent Candle is; the Patriarch's, the Prophets, John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary – all pointing to Immanuel – God with us, Jesus.

God bless, David.

Christmas at Gordonton Hall: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm – a wonderful community event largely organized by the Oaks church. A Gospel Choir and Gordonton School pupils will be singing Christmas Carols

**Christmas Fair help:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10am to 2pm is when the fair starts and finishes, but we also need helpers from 7:30am throughout the day and to the tidy up at the end. Donations are still welcome to cover decoration costs ©

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 30th Nov:

**OT:** Isaiah 64:1-9 **NT:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37

**Children & Youth:** Cool Advent activities this Sunday in the Kids Space!



#### + Prayer Points +

- For a great turnout for the Christmas Fair and that all will go smoothly
- For those who are sick, sad, grieving, or lonely; may we be Christ's hands to them.
- For Christians in Iraq and Syria as they face persecution, and for peace in the Holy Land of Middle East.

