# Sunday 9th Nov, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



#### Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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## 10am Baptism Service

Sermon: "Baptism, and what it does" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Brenda Stobie Prayer: Katy Cockerton

This Sunday is a joyous celebration as we welcome Jo Dudson, and her husband Peter's two daughters, Abby and Rebecca into the Christian Church through the sacrament of baptism. In today's message we will look into what baptism is, and what it "does".

It is great to have the church open on Friday's, many people are dropping in, as well as passersby's, with some who come to look at the architecture of the church, and some who come in to seek solace in prayer and to light a candle.

God bless, David.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Dec from 10am to 2pm, but we need helpers from 7:30am throughout the day to the tidy up at the end.

**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:** Ezekiel 37:1-4 **NT:** Romans 21:3-5 **Gospel:** John 3:13-17

**Children & Youth:** Activity packs with a chocolate treat!



#### + 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.

