Sunday 14th Nov, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Advent 3: John the Baptist" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Everyone please bring a plate! ☺ Prayer: Sally-Ann Riddell

Well we did it! Many thanks to all involved in the fantastic Christmas Fair! We raised nearly **\$3k** for our hall building fund, and there is still more coming in! Praise God! What a pleasure it is to worship here at St Mary's amongst these beautiful Christmas decorations. You cannot help but feel connected to God in a very special way during a very special season. It is blessing to come to church to worship God, "taking time out" from the pre-Christmas rush, to pause and take stock of the enormous wonder of God coming to earth as a baby! We welcome the Probus Choir this Sunday morning as they join with us in singing Christmas carols throughout the service. God bless, David

Little Blue Boxes: Don't forget to fill these Mission Boxes with coins, and then to bring them in to Roger



Christmas Services: <u>Midnight Mass</u> by candlelight, 24th Dec at *11pm*, <u>Christmas Day</u> *9:30am*.

The first Sunday 10am service for 2015 will be Candlemas service 1st Feb

The church office will be closed from the 27th Dec and will re-open Friday the 13th Feb (Fri 6th Feb is Waitangi Day)

<u>Readings for 14th Dec:</u>

OT: Isaiah 61:1-4 then 8-11 **NT:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 **Gospel:** John 1:6-8 then 19-28

Children & Youth: Cool Kids activities in the Kidz space



+ Prayer Points +

- For the Kimpton family as they grieve the loss of Greta.
- Don't forget God's creatures this Christmas season – life can be tough on pets during Christmas! Pray for those involved in the SPCA
- For Christians in Iraq and Syria as they face persecution, and for peace in the Holy Land.

