# Pew Sheet: Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Mar, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



#### Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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## 10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Turning the Tables" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Brenda Stobie Prayer: David Smithson

Hope. It's a simple word that brings light into darkness. It's not just wishful thinking, but an expectation.

Often times, when the whole world seems to be against us, hope can appear to be really dim. It's at those times that we often feel helpless and depressed. Yet, we forget that even IF the whole world is against us (which often isn't the case), God is still there for us. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us, and will always be there for us no matter how bad we may have messed up. God's word frequently declares how much He loves us and wants the very best for us. Be encouraged that He wants us to succeed and achieve great things in our lives! So let's be joyful and encouraged. Trust in Him and hang our hopes on Him as he promised to fulfil His plans for us. Look up Psalm 21 vs 34 <sup>(c)</sup>

God bless, David



**Vestry 2015** – Nomination forms are on the table at the back of the church – please consider being a part of this vital ministry

**Parish AGM** will be held immediately after church over a cuppa on the  $22^{nd}$  March

**Building Committee** A new committee is now formed, headed by Richard & Sally-Ann Riddle. Please see them if you want to come on board!

### Readings for 8th Mar:

**OT:** Exodus 20:1-17 **NT:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 **Gospel:** John 2:13-22

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



### + Prayer Points +

- For children who have begun their 1<sup>st</sup> year at high school that they settle in well and make good friends
- That we will grow closer in our relationships with God during this season of Lent.
- A new prayer group being formed soon Just Bead it Prayer Group!
- For hundreds of Christians recently kidnapped by ISIS

