

# Pew Sheet: Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

**Office Hours:** Fridays 9am to 2:30pm

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

**Peoples Warden:** Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850

**Vicars Warden:** Roger Jennings 07 8243712

## 10am Family Communion

**Sermon:** "Get an Attitude of Gratitude" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Sheryl Hill

**Prayer:** Trish Smithson

I have just completed a "filler" paper on Hinduism and Buddhism as part of my theology studies degree. They are both large and noble religions. At the core of both of them is dharma – right living - in order to gain merit. With enough merit gained in many (perhaps countless) lifetimes, one will hopefully see one eventually escape and be set free from the eternal Wheel of Suffering that is what we call "life". You may be asking yourself why is the vicar talking about Hinduism and Buddhism in the church Pew sheet? Simply to highlight the fact that through Christ we do not have to reach up to God and gain "brownie points" or merit at all! God reached down to us by sending his Son Jesus Christ as a FREE gift, and paid all that we could never earn anyway through his death on the Cross to set us free, and took our suffering upon himself. God bless, David

**Foodbank:** The current need is: soups (tinned and packet), pasta and pasta sauce, baked beans/ spaghetti, milk powder and sandwich spreads. These can be placed in the basket located in the church porch foyer.

**Nepal:** Habitat for Humanity teams have been responding to immediate shelter needs in Nepal by clearing rubble, and distributing shelter kits. The kits contain a tarpaulin and other materials that provide protection from the elements. Funding one shelter repair kit costs \$NZD260. Habitat aims to distribute 20,000 - and this is just part of how they will help quake-affected families in Nepal. See [www.habitat.org.nz/donate](http://www.habitat.org.nz/donate).

## Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> June:

**OT:** Psalm 100:1-5

**NT:** Colossians 3:15-20

**Gospel:** Matthew 26:6-13

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Activity packs with a chocolate treat! 😊

**Youth:** Friday's 7pm @ Oaks church – combined churches



## + Prayer Points +

- For safe travels for Roger and Rosalie as well as for Joanne and Peter.
- For our Mission Family; the Frasers working for Betel in the UK
- For Hannah Stobie and Fleur Smithson who are to be Confirmed Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June

