Pew Sheet: Sun 12th July, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Office Hours: Fridays 9am to 2:30pm Email: stmarysgordonton@hotmail.co.nz Web: www.saintmarysgordonton.azurewebsites.net Vicars Phone: 027 4213200 *Fridays only* 9am - 2:30pm. Then 07 8492761 any day during a/hours Vicar: Rev. David Smithson Peoples Warden: Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850 Vicars Warden: Roger Jennings 07 8243712

10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "The Peace of God" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Valerie Crowther **Prayer:** Trish Smithson

Last week's message was on Self Control and discipline. A spin off during the sermon was a challenge to parishioners to fast from food and fluids every Sunday that you receive Communion; from Midnight until receiving the bread and wine at the Eucharist in the morning. This is actually a very old Church practice that some may recall doing. I believe that in reviving it, it will help us spiritually, (through the act of Fasting) being an aspect of Self Control, as well as being a challenge that people can rise to. This challenge is of course voluntary, especially if you are not in good health.

God bless, David.



Prayer: If you require prayer please see the vicar after the service, or contact him by phone.

Foodbank: The current need is: cereals, jam or any spreads, washing powder, baby food, soup (can or packet). These can be placed in the offering basket in the church porch.

Care of Creation @ St Mary's: There is a donation box on the table at the church entrance for families to donate \$15-20 towards a native tree. The trees are to be planted in the church gully by parishioners during Sept's Care of Creation service

Readings for 12th July:

OT: Isaiah 26:3 NT: Philippians 4:6-7 Gospel: John 14:27

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Kids activity packs with a chocolate treat ⁽²⁾ **Youth:** Friday's 7pm ⁽²⁾ Oaks church – combined churches



+ Prayer Points +

- For children, youth and families over the term break
- For persecuted Christians worldwide and the need for freedom of religious views
- For the calving season, that all will go well and smoothly, and our folk to get some rest!

