

Pew Sheet: Sun 23rd Aug, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "The unseen war" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Jo Dudson

This week's New Testament reading of the Church Lectionary from Ephesians is a very helpful reading. When we watch world events unfold we can wring our hands and wonder "why!?" However, when we look at world events and even some things that may unfold around our own lives through the lens of Ephesians 6:10-20, a lot more understanding of these events can be gained, and we see the bigger picture. We are also given some advice as how to gird ourselves against bad things that occur around us. An unseen war in the heavens and on earth is being played out, and it is exciting that we can help through prayer. Although there are dark shadows, there is much light to drive it back, and there is so much good in the world and in people's hearts which can only come from God. We are also very blessed to live in New Zealand! – 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: baked beans, spaghetti, washing powder, toilet soap, toilet paper, tinned soup. 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 23rd Aug:

OT: 1 Kings 8:37-40

NT: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Activity Sheets with a chocolate treat!

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For our dairy farming families during these hard times.
- For Eileen Beck as she recuperates in hospital
- For Gabriel and Biz Jens with SIM (Serving in Mission) in Nepal.

