Pew Sheet: Sun 6th Sep, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Our Heavenly Father" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Melanie Holdsworth

Father's Day reminds me that sometimes you look forward to the future so much that you can miss out on the present. Take for example when you have a new born baby. The baby is growing: you can't wait for baby to sit up, you can't wait till baby can crawl, and you can't wait till baby walks, you can't wait to baby begins to talk...next thing, you are walking "baby" down the aisle!

You may be missing the moment of now, of the present, by always looking towards the future.

The same can be said of our faith: I can't wait until I find more time to pray more, I can't wait till this big Christian convention starts, I can't wait until church on Sunday...

We can easily miss the God of the present, and in doing so, can miss what God wants for us now. Yes – we do have Christian hope of the future and we do long for this, but God is a God of past present and future. 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: flour, sugar, peanut butter, jam, baby food. These can be placed in the offering basket in the church porch.

Donate to help Persecuted Christians Please give generously – the giving box for this is on the Welcome Table at the entrance of the church

Readings for 6th Sep:

OT: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 **NT**: James 2:1-17 **Gospel:** Mark 7:24-37

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Kids activities in the Kids Space!

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For wise leadership and decisions in regards to the refugee crisis in Europe.
- For Eileen Beck as she recuperates in hospital
- For Gabriel and Biz Jens with SIM (Serving in Mission) in Nepal.

