

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



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10:00am Family Communion

**Sermon:** Barnabas Fund with Stephanie Dole

**Refreshments:** Jo Dudson

This morning we welcome both Stephanie Dole from Barnabas Fund, and Rev Peter Sampson and the congregation from St Paul's Huntly. Stephanie is to share with us this morning on the plight of persecuted Christians. Galatians 6:10 gives us a charge to help and assist all people, especially those in the family of believers. Of all what we are seeing on our televisions on the refugee crises, Christians are the minority amongst them, yet are the majority who are persecuted. Why? Because they simply cannot reach the refugee camps, or if they do, they are even persecuted and harassed there, even in the centres in Europe! There is hope though: Operation Safe havens. God bless, David



**Christmas Fair:** 5<sup>th</sup> Dec is just around the corner! Craft making and organizing meet every Tues 7pm at the Old Gordonton School.

**Foodbank:** Items can be placed in the offering basket in the church porch.

**Christmas Shoe Box appeal:** We require 10 shoeboxes filled with gifts for men: Toothbrush + paste, deodorant stick, hankies, socks, toilet soap, disposable razors, sweets and playing cards. These are for men who have left prison. Please leave the boxes at the back of the church.

## Readings for 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:

**OT:** Isaiah 53:2-5

**NT:** 2 Corinthians 4:8-12

**Gospel:** John 15:18-25

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Kids Activity Packs with a chocolate treat!

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



## + Prayer Points +

- For all students who are sitting exams
- For smooth organizing of the Christmas Fair and for willing hands to help
- If you are unwell, you can receive a brief prayer & anointing with oil during Communion – just let the vicar know at the altar rail. Private confession is also available at the church on Fridays

