

Sunday 13th Dec, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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Vicars Warden: Roger Jennings 07 8243712

10am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Peace and Joy:" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Majella Heaton

Many thanks to all involved in the Christmas Fair; We raised nearly **\$5k** for our hall building fund, and there is still more coming in! Praise God!

What a pleasure it is to worship here at St Mary's amongst these beautiful Christmas decorations. You cannot help but feel connected to God in a very special way during a very special season. It is blessing to come to church to worship God, "taking time out" from the pre-Christmas rush, to pause and take stock of the enormous wonder of God coming to earth as a baby!

God bless, David

Readings for 13th Dec:

OT: Zephaniah 3:14-20

NT: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Children & Youth: Cool Activity Packs with a Chocolate treat!



Little Blue Boxes: Don't forget to fill these Mission Boxes with coins, and then to bring them in to Roger.



Christmas Services: Midnight Mass by candlelight, 24th Dec at 11pm, Christmas Day 9:30am.

The first Sunday 10am service for 2016 will be Candlemas service 7th Feb

The church office will be closed from the 1st Jan and will re-open Friday the 12th Feb

+ Prayer Points +

- For those for whom Christmas is a lonely time, or for those who grieve during this period.
- Don't forget God's creatures this Christmas season – life can be tough on pets during Christmas! Pray for those involved in the SPCA
- For Christians in Iraq and Syria as they face persecution, and for peace in the Holy Land.

