

Sunday 6th Dec, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10am Advent Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Prepare" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Trish Smithson

Well we can all breathe a sigh of "work well done for our Christmas Fair." And a pat on the back. Well done! All that preparation work we did for the fair fits in well with this message for the 2nd Advent before Christmas: "Prepare the way!" is what John the Baptist cried. *Prepare.* Advent looks both back and forward to Christ. Prepare in expecting the Christ Child, and prepare that Christ will one day return. For those who are too shy to usually do so; between now and Christmas is an excellent time to invite friends or family along to a Sunday service to worship in our very pretty church! God bless, David.

Christmas at Gordonton Hall: This Friday 11th Dec at 7pm – a wonderful community event largely organized by the Oaks church. A Gospel Choir and Gordonton School pupils will be singing Christmas Carols

Sat 12th Dec: Church open to public to see our decorated church and a stall to sell any remaining crafts & preserves left over from the Christmas Fair

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 6th Dec

OT: Malachi 3:1-4

NT: Philippians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



Children & Youth: Cool Advent activities this Sunday in the Kids Space!



+ Prayer Points +

- 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 the return of Christ for Peace in the Middle East and his righteousness to prevail
- For our Mission family Richard & Fee Fraser in the UK. working with BETEL

