

Pew Sheet: Sun 14th Feb, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

Peoples Warden: Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850

Vicars Warden: Roger Jennings 07 8243712

10:00am Praise Service

Sermon: "Bread and Stones" Rev David Smithson

Refreshments: Sally-Ann Riddell

Easter is arriving very early this year, therefore Lent is upon us already as this Sunday 14th is the first Sunday of Lent! The word Lent comes from an old English word which means "springtime", and indeed, the seasons of the Church are really linked to the Northern hemisphere, which is soon to come into Spring. What is traditional in homes at Spring? Spring Cleaning! This is what Lent is about, "Spring cleaning" our spiritual lives and dusting away the cobwebs, getting our spiritual house in order and to prepare ourselves for Easter. To help us in this task, we discipline ourselves. No one really much likes discipline, but it is needed, and is sorely lacking in today's society. Where do we get discipleship? From discipline! To give up sugar, chocolate or to fast (consider fasting on Friday's) helps us to focus on our spiritual duty to pray more and seek the Lord. God bless, David

Volunteers needed: We require people to help with scripture readings as well as with assisting at Communion with the chalice – please see the vicar if you wish to help.

Foodbank: Please place items for the combined church foodbank in the basket located in the church porch.

Harvest Service: 28th Feb. Please bring along non-perishable food products to go to the Foodbank

Readings for 14th Feb:

OT: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

NT: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Cool activities in the Kidz Space

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For Karen, Albert and family as they grieve the loss of Albert's father.
- 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

