

Pew Sheet: Sun 7th Feb, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10:00am Family Candlemas Communion Service

Sermon: "God in the seemingly mundane" Rev David Smithson

Refreshments: Katy Cockerton

Welcome back to a new year at St Mary's 2016! I hope you all had a wonderful break and managed some relaxation with friends and family over the Christmas break. I certainly did, and enjoyed both the outdoors as well as quite a bit of reading. One book I read was about castaways from a shipwreck on the Crozet Islands in 1875. It was interesting that while shipwrecked, their religious practices and communal prayers increased when food was scarce, yet when food was plenty, their religious practices and communal prayers were scarce! Is this a reflection of how we can be? Do we turn to God when times are tough? Yes, of course we do, and this is encouraged, but do not forget to praise Him and be grateful when things are going swimmingly. ☺

God bless - David

Ash Weds Service: This Weds 10th at 7:30pm @ St Mary's is an Ash Weds service which marks the beginning of Lent. The service involves the burning of last year's palm crosses on the altar, and marking of foreheads with ash as a sign of penitence.

Ash
Wednesday

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

Readings for 7th Feb:

OT: Malachi 3:1-5

NT: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For the year ahead for our church, and if God is calling you to serve in our parish.
- 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

