# Pew Sheet: Sun 13th March, 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 Service

Sermon: "The Extravagant Gift" Rev David Smithson

Refreshments (& Readings): Cath Denby

It can be easy to feel somewhat discouraged when watching the news, reading the newspaper, or seeing the degrading things that our youth are subject to in the social media by "pop idols" or "celebrities". I sometimes hear from even people who do not go to church say "what is happening to the world!?" and "The way people carry on it is embarrassing being a human!" Take hope – God is on the Throne and is ultimately in control. Thousands and thousands are turning to Christ in unexpected places – Iran being one of them - of all countries! I love this quote from Billy Graham: "T've read the last page of the Bible. It's going to turn out all right." God bless David.



**Next Sunday: Palm Sunday** We will be having a 4 legged big eared special visitor! Please bring along palm or ponga fronds.

**2016 Lenten Appeal** Envelopes on the welcome table at the church entrance. Give to Fiji, Ethiopia or Iran missions. A good way of fulfilling your Lent almsgiving!

**Foodbank**: The current need is: baby food, milk powder, jam, washing powder, toilet soap and toilet paper. Items can be placed in the basket located in the church porch.

## Readings for 13th March:

**OT:** Isaiah 43:16-21 **NT:** Philippians 3:4b-14 **Gospel:** John 12:1-8

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

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



#### + Prayer Points +

- For any of our Farming families who are facing hardship
- For the sick, lonely, and vulnerable
- For Christ's peace in the hearts of those experiencing troubled times

