

# Pew Sheet: Sun 6<sup>th</sup> March, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10:00am Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "A Most Unlikely Story?" Rev David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Karen Boyer

Lent is a good time to reflect on our own mortality, and to remember that everything on this earth is temporary – which of course, includes our worldly goods - all those material things that we crave for. Matthew 16:19-20 reminds us not to store up treasures on earth as they will not last, but to store up treasures in heaven where they are everlasting. We must focus on the everlasting, the things that will not perish. We can be fulfilled without all this "stuff" that we accumulate and which will ultimately slip out of our hands. God wants us to have abundant lives (John 10:10) which are the things that really matter. What are these everlasting things? Have a think about this. This Sunday we encounter the story of the prodigal son who chased the worldly dream, and his father who, in his culture, did the unthinkable, so much so that the hearers of the story would have thought it to be a most unlikely story, as in their eyes, it could never have happen! God bless David.

**Palm Sunday 20 March:** 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 6<sup>th</sup> March:

**OT:** Joshua 5:9-12

**NT:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Have fun making flax crosses in readiness for Palm Sunday!

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



## + Prayer Points +

- For thanks that the Barnabas Fund petition to the government to help persecuted Christian refugees from Iraq and Syria reached Parliament on Weds.
- For any of our Farming families who are facing hardship
- For the sick, lonely, and vulnerable

