

# Pew Sheet: Sun 1<sup>st</sup> May, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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## 10:00am Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "Abide" David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Hazel Wilson

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Do you feel unqualified for the job God has given you? Do you think He picked the wrong person? Many scriptural heroes felt the same. David, whose psalms encourage millions, 'a man after [God's] own heart,' lamented, 'I ... am as a sparrow alone upon the housetop.' It's hard to imagine a less significant bird, yet Jesus said, 'Not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing.' (Matthew 10:29) Charles Swindoll writes: 'In our... impersonal world it's easy to underestimate the significance of... one. With so many who seem more capable, gifted, prosperous, and important, who am I to think my part amounts too much? Aren't you glad that Martin Luther-King jnr, Winston Churchill, Charles Wesley, and Mother Teresa didn't think that way? How many people did it take to help the victim on the Jericho road? How many were chosen to confront Pharaoh and lead the Exodus? How many lost sheep were of concern to the shepherd? How many did God use to prepare the way for the Messiah? Just one! Centuries ago a woman named Esther thought there was nothing she could do. She was the Jewish wife of a Persian king, who was about to be tricked into making a disastrous decision that would exterminate the Jews... Like everyone who stands in the gap, Esther was willing to get involved to the point of sacrifice, and say, "If I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16). Today ask yourself, "What should I be doing?" You can make a difference.'

(Word for the Day)

**FOOD BANK** The current needs are: cereals, pasta & sauces, baby food, milk powder, sandwich spreads such as jam and peanut butter etc. These can be placed in the basket in the church porch.

### **FAMILY LIFE PRESENTS: A Day**

**Together.** Sat 21 May @ Agora Café. \$60.00 (incl's morn & aft tea) Laugh together and feel uplifted & refreshed in your relationship, listen to key couple speakers in a relaxed atmosphere and you'll leave feeling inspired and equipped. Get away for a day together and reconnect – talk about the stuff that really matters. 0800 800 680 to book.

## Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> May:

**OT:** Psalm 67

**NT:** Acts 16:9-15

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

**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 sick – both the young and old in our parish who are suffering illness
- For Hazel Wilson as she faces surgery, and for her speedy recovery



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