

Pew Sheet: Sun 8th May, Saint Mary's Anglican Church



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10:00am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Realizing what you have" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Kim Simpson

A new "phenomenon" has started in universities in the States and the UK: "SAFE SPACES". These are areas where students of all different persuasions can gather without fear of others challenging their belief, lifestyle or world views. Sound OK? Well, "others" are banned, and not tolerated! How would these students fare when they leave university for the work force in which office politics and the world in general *will* be challenging, and there are people who do not share their beliefs? Would "Safe Spaces" equip them? What is the space of St Mary's? We hope it is a SACRED SPACE, in where you may encounter the peace of Christ, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and the love of God the Father. We hope you *are* challenged, your lifestyle *is* taken stock of, and you *are* equipped to face the world to serve and love others who may even be hostile to Christians. Today is significant for two reasons: Firstly, it is the day in which we recall the Ascension of Jesus when he left the earth to take his rightful place at the right hand of God in Heaven – as Christ ruler of the universe. The other is Mother's Day! God bless, David

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 (incls 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 8th May:

OT: Psalm 47

NT: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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 a speedy recovery for Hazel Wilson



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