# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 4th Sept



#### Parish Office Hours & Contacts

Office Hours: Fridays 9am to 3pm Email: stmarysgordonton@hotmail.co.nz Web: www.saintmarysgordonton.azurewebsites.net Vicars Phone: 027 4213200 Fridays only 9am

- 3pm. Then 07 8492761 any day during a/hours Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

**Peoples Warden:** Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850 **Vicars Warden:** Roger Jennings 07 8243712

## 10:00am Family Communion Service

Sermon: "A Cost for Following Jesus" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Adrienne Calderwood

A challenge for all of us is the time we spend. Particularly the time we spend reading God's Word. There are countries throughout the world that are crying out for bibles, where one bible may be lent to several people and the pages are falling apart. We has so many bibles in NZ that are lying about, and not being read! Let's switch off Facebook, and pick up a bible. 2 Thessalonians 2:9 warns us that a day of deception will come. How will you perceive the truth from a lie, a counterfeit? To know the real deal, you spend time with the authentic article. Bank Tellers would be proficient at picking out a counterfeit bank note, as they spend much time handling the real thing. Likewise, get to know Jesus by spending time with him in prayer and reading scripture.

God bless. David

**SALT & LIGHT Bible Study** is meeting at church after the service Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep – briefly, due to Father's day!

**FOOD BANK:** Current needs are: Baked beans, coffee, milk powder, eggs, toilet soap. Items can be left in the basket in the church porch.

**SUN 18th SEP** – bring old clothes, a spade and a raincoat as we have a "practical" church for Care of Creation, in planting native trees in our church gully.

### Readings for 4th Sep:

**OT:** Jeremiah 18:1-11 **NT:** Philemon 1-21 **Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

Reader: Adrienne Calderwood

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Cool activities in the Kids Space!

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



#### + Prayer Points +

- For those affected by the earthquake in Italy, who have lost loved ones and homes
- For those who are lonely, sad or sick
- That people's eyes will be opened to Jesus Christ; the Way, the Truth, and the Life



In case of a fire during a church service, please note the nearest exit: Front porch entrance and the side door to the vestry office. Fire extinguishers are also located near these two doorways.