

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church Gordonton. Sunday 27th Nov



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10am Advent 1: Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "Prepare & be ready" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Melanie Holdsworth

Well we can all breathe a sigh of relief and of work well done for the decorating our beautiful heritage church. Well done! All that work of preparation fits in well with this season of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's coming. Advent looks both back to Christ and forward to Christ. Prepare in expecting the Christ Child, and prepare that Christ will one day soon return.

For those who are too shy to usually do so; between now and Christmas is an excellent time to invite friends or family along to a church service to worship in our very pretty church! God bless, David.

**Christmas Fair help:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec from 9am to 1pm is when our fair starts and finishes, but we also need helpers from 7:30am throughout the day and for the tidy up at the end.

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**Food bank:** canned food, cereals, tea, coffee, spreads ... and maybe some special Christmas treats. Please leave in the basket in the church porch.

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**Christmas Shoe Box appeal:** We require 10 shoeboxes filled with gifts for men: Toothbrush + paste, deodorant stick, hankies, socks, toilet soap, disposable razors, sweets and playing cards. These are for men who have left prison. Please leave the boxes at the back of the church.

## Readings for 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 2:1-5

**New Testament:** Romans 13:11-14

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Reader:** Melanie Holdsworth

**Children & Youth:** Cool Advent activity packs with a chocolate treat!



## + Prayer Points +

- For a great turnout for the Christmas Fair and that all will go smoothly
- For those who are sick, sad, grieving, or lonely; may we be Christ's hands to them.
- For our Mission family Richard & Fee Fraser in the UK. working with BETEL

