

# Sunday 11th Dec, Saint Mary's Anglican Parish, Gordonton



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

**Office Hours:** Fridays 9am to 2:30pm

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10am Advent 3: Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "Of Camel Coats, Locusts, Honey & Jail," Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Majella Heaton

Many thanks to all involved in the Christmas Fair; we raised approx **4\$K** for our hall building fund, and there is still more coming in! Praise God!

What a pleasure it is to worship here at St Mary's amongst these beautiful Christmas decorations. You cannot help but feel connected to God in a very special way during a very special season. It is blessing to come to church to worship God, "taking time out" from the pre-Christmas rush, to pause and take stock of the enormous wonder of God coming to earth as a baby!

God bless, David

## Readings for 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 35:1-10

**New Testament:** James 5:7-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

**Reader:** Katy Cockerton

**Children & Youth:** Cool Advent Activity Packs with a Chocolate treat!



**Christmas Shoe Box appeal:** We require 10 shoeboxes filled with gifts for men before the 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Toothbrush + paste, deodorant stick, hankies, socks, toilet soap, disposable razors, sweets and playing cards. Please leave the boxes at the back of the church.

**Christmas Services:** Midnight Mass by candlelight, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 11pm, Christmas Day 9:30am.

**The first Sunday 10am service for 2017** will be Family Communion service 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

**The church office** will be closed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and will re-open Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

## + Prayer Points +

- For those for whom Christmas is a lonely time, or for those who grieve during this period.
- Don't forget God's creatures this Christmas season – life can be tough on pets during Christmas! Pray for those involved in animal rescue.
- For Christians in Iraq and Syria as they face persecution, and for peace in the Holy Land.

