

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feb



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

**Office Hours:** Fridays 9am to 3pm

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10:00am Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "Of Eyes, Teeth, and Cheeks..." Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Katy Cockerton

Most people know the "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" saying – it comes from scripture, and Jesus deals with this issue in this Sunday's gospel reading from Matthew. It is a very interesting theme, and is greatly debated. It can lead us to the question "was Jesus, the Prince of Peace, actually a pacifist?" We will explore this question from other scriptures, and also touch on how we can stand up to evil and present the truth, even if it may "offend" others! Jesus did this all the time, and as a result, often clashed with religious leaders of the day. Has much changed from then to now in this regard? God bless, David.

**FOOD BANK** Please leave non-perishable food items in the basket located in the church porch.

**FAMILY FUN DAY @ the Donkey Farm!** Sat 18<sup>th</sup> & Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. Fundraising for our Parish. We need volunteers to: Collect gate tickets, assist in donkey rides, BBQ, café, as well as to make crafts and home baking to sell at the stall and café. Please also fill in the roster (on the table) where you can help out on the days.

**RAFFLE** items for the Family Fun Day can be put in the box located in the church porch

## Readings for 19<sup>th</sup> Feb:

**OT:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

**NT:** 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:38-48

**Reader:** Katy Cockerton

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Kids activity packs with a chocolate treat!

**Youth:** Friday's 7pm @ Oaks church, Gordonton, & Weds 7pm "Ignite" @ - Horsham Downs Church.



## + Prayer Points +

- For the people effected by the fires of Christchurch and for the firefighters
- For Richard & Fee Fraser as they work for BETEL in the UK



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.