

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 12<sup>th</sup> March



## 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:** "Reborn" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Adrienne Calderwood

How is Lent going for you? Lent is a time to focus on our lives before God and to be aware of our sin – and most importantly – to repent from it. We often sacrificially give certain things up that we enjoy, such as chocolates, coffees at cafes etc to keep ourselves focussed. Lent can be a time when we also take things up as well. A good example would be reading scripture more often – even a few verses. Try the gospel of Mark over Lent – a short, sharp, to the point gospel. How about borrowing some of the books in our church library in the back of the church, there are some very good writings to be found. God bless - David

## Readings for 12<sup>th</sup> March:

**OT:** Genesis 12:1-4

**NT:** Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Gospel:** John 3:1-17

**Reader:** Adrienne Calderwood

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

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



**FOOD BANK** The current needs are: baby food, milk powder, sandwich spreads, washing powder, toilet soap and toilet paper. Please leave in the basket 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** for Family Fun day. Please leave items and goodies in the box located in the church porch

## + Prayer Points +

- For our Family Fun Day next week – good weather, and that things will go smoothly
- For a holy Lent as we reflect on their need to repent and to "get right with God".



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.