

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 5<sup>th</sup> March



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

**Peoples Warden:** Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850

**Vicars Warden:** Roger Jennings 07 8243712

## 10:00am Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "Death in Adam, Life in Christ" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Kim Simpson

**Lent** calls believers to Repentance. It begins on Ash Weds. To mark the day, clergy all over the world burn palm from the previous year's Palm Sunday services to create ash. This is then rubbed across people's foreheads in the shape of the cross as they are reminded "For dust you are and to dust you shall return". The ceremony is meant to show followers that their lives are short and they must live them to the fullest for the glory of God. Lent lasts for 40 days until Easter, but this is without Sundays being included in the amount (if there were counted it would be 46 days). This sees Lent begin and it continues until the Thursday before Easter weekend. People give up vices, which can be things such as chocolate, in a bid to grow closer to God, to show they have self-restraint, or to live a healthier life. Lent is a 40-day fast, so will run up until the Thursday before Easter Sunday, April 13, which is known as Holy Thursday. The Lent period reflects when Jesus fasted and suffered in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, before he started his ministry. Jesus was tempted by Satan during this time, but each time he managed to refuse his temptations. People follow Jesus' example, and give up vices in a bid to grow closer to God as Easter approaches. God bless - David

**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.

## Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> March:

**OT:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

**NT:** Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Reader:** Michaela O'Neill

**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.



## + Prayer Points +

- For Kerry as she recuperates from surgery
- 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.