

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 1st Oct



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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10:00 am Pet Blessing Service

Sermon: "St Francis" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Adrienne Calderwood

This Sunday we are holding our annual Pet Blessing Service. The service is linked to Saint Francis of Assisi who was a saint in Italy in the 12th Century, and is the patron saint of animals – because he loved them as part of God's wonderful creation. Francis even called the Sun his Brother and the Moon his sister. Bring your children or grandchildren along and of course - their pets! This service is a wonderful opportunity to also bring long friends who you may not usually invite to church. God bless, David.



Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Gifts: For those who are filling the boxes with gifts for disadvantaged children in the Pacific, please return them to the church or to Café Agora by the end of October.

Foodbank: The current need through to Dec is: baby food, milk powder, sugar, flour, baked beans and spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned stews, tinned tomatoes, tinned cream corn, pasta, rice, biscuits. Items can be placed in the basket located in the church porch

Readings for 1st Oct:

OT: Genesis 2:15-21a

NT: James 3:7

Gospel: Luke 12:6-7

Reader: David Smithson

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Bring your pet to church!

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For the people of Mexico and Puerto Rico
- For wisdom of our nation's leaders as they soon seek to form governance of our country



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.