Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 24th Sep



Parish Office Hours & Contacts

Office Hours: Fridays 9am to 3pm Email: stmarysgordonton@hotmail.co.nz Web: www.saintmarysgordonton.azurewebsites.net Vicars Phone: 027 4213200 *Fridays only* 9am - 3pm. Then 07 8492761 any day during a/hours Vicar: Rev. David Smithson Peoples Warden: Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850 Vicars Warden: Roger Jennings 07 8243712

10:00 am Family Communion Service Sermon: "Sour Grapes" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Jo Dudson

September is the month when the parish usually holds its Care for Creation service when we plant native trees in the church gully. The upper slope has more or less now been planted. The remaining areas are more precarious to access, and can be very boggy, more so due to the recent wet weather. Therefore there will not be a communal planting day. However, last Saturday Roger, John, Richard and William ventured down and cut out the remaining American swamp cypresses. Where they once stood will eventually be replanted with native swamp kahikatea, cabbage tree and flax. God bless.



St Francis Pet Blessing Service: Sun 1st Oct 10am. Bring your cat, dog, bird, lamb, calf to church!



Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Gift packs are at the back of the church along with instruction brochure for you to pick up, and fill with kids gifts for disadvantaged children in the Pacific.

Readings for 24th Sep:

OT: Exodus 16:2-15 **NT**: Philippians 1:21-30 **Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

Reader: Trish Smithson

Children's Church/Junior Youth: Cool activity sheets with a chocolate treat!

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For healing and God's peace for Kerry, and for the peace of God to be upon Lou & Alice
- For wise and good 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.