

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 17th Dec



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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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Vicars Warden: Roger Jennings 07 8243712

10:00 am Advent 3 Family Communion Service

Homily: "John's Testimony" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Trish Smithson

It was a fantastic Saturday in Gordonton on the 9th Dec – the day of our Garden Ramble! Great weather, and a real buzz about the village and surrounds as many people spread around the area visiting wonderful gardens, buying Christmas presents in the village shops, having lunch in the cafes and food outlets, and of course, visiting our lovely decorated church. A real community spirit and a great fundraiser for our parish! Many thanks to all who were involved. Keep close to God, and remember that Jesus is the reason for the Season!



God bless, David.

Readings for 17th Dec:

OT: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

NT: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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



+ Prayer Points +

- For God's anointing and blessing on our Parish as it begins a New Church Year
- For Roger who has surgery this week
- For Kerry, Lou & Alice



House Wanted to rent: A missionary family are looking for a 2-3 bedroom house to rent in Gordonton or Hamilton. They have to vacate college by 23rd December. Contact Christopher on 0274590336.

Foodbank: The current need through to the end of 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, and of course Christmas treats! Items can be placed in the basket located in the church porch.

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.