

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

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## 10:00 am Advent 1 Family Communion Service

**Sermon:** "The Potters Hand" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Katy Cockerton

Wow Advent is here already! Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's coming. Advent looks both back to Christ and forward to Christ. Prepare in expecting the Christ Child, and prepare that Christ will one day soon return. For those who maybe too shy to usually do so; between now and Christmas is an excellent time to invite friends or family along to a church service to worship in our very pretty church. We will also decorate the Jesse Tree this Sunday. God bless, David.



Isaiah 11:1-10

## Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec:

**OT:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**NT:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-31

**Reader:** Katy Cockerton

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Decorate the Jesse Tree & cool Advent activity packs with a chocolate treat!

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



**Christmas Garden Ramble** This coming Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 10am-4pm. St Mary's will feature in the ramble. There will be a small stall selling crafts from Sally-Ann's garden. \$20 p/p please see Sally-Ann for a ticket

**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.

## + Prayer Points +

- For a good turnout, and smooth running of the Garden Ramble
- For those who are lonely, sad or sick. May they be conscious of the presence of the living God with them.



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.