# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb



#### 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: "Suffering & Salvation in a Broken World" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Sally-Ann Riddell

Sometimes we struggle when we see bad things happen and at times we may wonder where God's power and goodness is. Evil seems quick to reward its adherent's with power, riches, and instant results and people can be drawn to it because of this - but it always comes at a very heavy price. Jesus shunned people who sought sign's and wonders. However, signs and wonders are evident all around us - God's goodness and the beauty of creation. We would know a vastly different world if all prayer ceased. – A world that we would then not want to be a part of. If God and His goodness were absent, it would be a living nightmare. Let's see 2018 with fresh eyes and see God's power and His goodness and His blessings in our lives and in the world.

**Foodbank**: The current 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. Also plastic supermarket bags and old newspapers. Items can be placed in the basket located in the church porch.



## Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:

**OT:** Isaiah 40:21-31 **NT:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 **Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

#### Reader:

**Children's Church/Junior Youth:** Activity sheets with a choccy treat

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



### + Prayer Points +

- For God's blessings on our parish and community
- For Roger, Kerry, and Hazel



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.