

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Mar



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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## 10:00am Family Communion Service & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sermon:** "What's So Amazing About Grace?" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Majella Heaton

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March marks the middle of Lent - and an ancient practice of having "refreshment" from the rigours of fasting etc, and thus it became known as Refreshment Sunday (Laetare Sunday in Latin). People would take time out from work to visit the church they were baptised in, their "Mother church". They would also visit their mothers, and bring them simnel cake. The day became known as "Mothering Sunday" - an ancient festival compared with the modern off-shoot of Mothers Day. On another note, two films are being released this month: Mary Magdalene, and Paul: The Apostle of Christ. The movie about St Paul stars Jim Caviezel who plays St Luke. Caviezel played the role of Jesus in the movie "The Passion of The Christ". Maybe a good idea to organize an evening or two at the flicks? God bless, David.

**Annual General Meeting** will be held immediately after the service next Sunday on the 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:

**OT:** Numbers 21:4-9

**NT:** Ephesians 2:1-10

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

**Reader:** Katy Cockerton

**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 Hazel, Noel, Adrienne & Richard and family with Hazel in care and Noel in hospital.
- For a Holy Lent that we will come closer to Christ in our walk with Him.



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.