

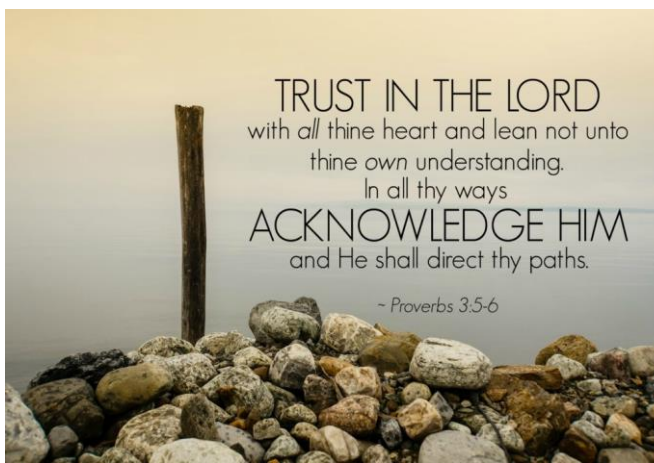
# Saint Mary's Newsletter: August

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## SERVICES FOR AUGUST

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Adrienne Calderwood

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>:

10am Patronal Festival of St Mary  
Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Trish Smithson

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service  
followed by special meeting

Refreshments - Katy Cockerton

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>:

10am Family Communion Service

Refreshments - Majella Heaton



**Special Parish Meeting:** Sun 19 August after the service. This is an important meeting where we will explore the 3 options which our parish is to later vote on which one to head down: 1) to stay in the NZ Anglican Church 2) to stay in the NZ Anglican Church but to also become a part of a Christian Community 3) to leave the NZ Anglican Church.

**Calf Fundraising Scheme:** Donate a calf (if you are a farmer), or townies can donate \$220 which will cover the costs of purchasing a 4 day old bull old calf and rearing costs. Or you could wait until the calves are sold and donate the average cash price of what all the calves sold for. It is an easy and low maintenance fundraiser that has the potential to raise \$450 per calf sold.

Forms and info on the Welcome table, or see Sally-Ann & Richard



### **Salt & Light Bible Study Group.**

Meets after church twice per month. This month, meets 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

**Children/Youth:** Kids activity packs with a choccy treat, and youth: Friday's 7pm @ Oaks church, Gordonton, & Weds 7pm "Ignite" @ - Horsham Downs Church.

### The Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 tells us, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." The fruit of the Holy Spirit is the result of the Holy Spirit's presence in the life of a Christian. The Bible makes it clear that everyone receives the Holy Spirit the moment he or she believes in Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:13-14). One of the primary purposes of the Holy Spirit coming into a Christian's life is to change that life. It is the Holy Spirit's job to conform us to the image of Christ, making us more like Him.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is in direct contrast with the *acts of the sinful nature* in Galatians 5:19-21, "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." This passage describes all people, to varying degrees, when they do not know Christ and therefore are not under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Our sinful flesh produces certain types of fruit that reflect our nature, and the Holy Spirit produces types of fruit that reflect His nature.

The Christian life is a battle of the sinful flesh against the new nature given by Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). As fallen human beings, we are still trapped in a body that desires sinful things (Romans 7:14-25). As Christians, we have the Holy Spirit producing His fruit in us and we have the Holy Spirit's power available to conquer the acts of the sinful nature (2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 4:13). A Christian will never be completely victorious in always demonstrating the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the main purposes of the Christian life, though, to progressively allow the Holy Spirit to produce more and more of His fruit in our lives—and to allow the Holy Spirit to conquer the opposing sinful desires. The fruit of the Spirit is what God desires our lives to exhibit and, with the Holy Spirit's help, it is possible!



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GALATIANS 5:22-23

### This Month in Christian History:

*8<sup>th</sup> Aug 1539:* German reformer Martin Luther remarks in a homily: "*Reason doesn't not know that salvation must come down from above we want to work up from below so that the satisfaction is rendered by us.*"



### CHEQUES TO ST MARY'S:

If you are writing a cheque towards the parish, please ensure it is made out to: "Gordonton Anglican Church"

### Parish Giving

Please consider giving to the parish via Automatic Payment. Did you know that St Mary's has to pay for our Vicar and all other costs of running a Parish, as well as giving a proportion to the Diocese? Please help us to be sustainable by giving via Automatic Payment. It is an easy way to give and is useful for the parish in running its budget. The Parish Bank Account is:

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The Arabic word for Christian