

# St Mary's, Gordonton. Advent 4 & Christmas Day



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts in Jan

**Office Hours:** Closed 28 Dec – 31 Jan

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**Vicars Phone:** 027 4213200 *for urgent calls during Jan*

**Vicar:** Rev. David Smithson

**Peoples Warden:** Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850

**Vicars Warden:**

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am Advent 4 Family Communion**

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Christmas Day Communion**

Homily for Advent 4 *“Peace in Lowly Bethlehem”*

Homily for Christmas Day: *“Do Not Be Afraid”*

*For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

This has been a challenging year, and we had to draw strength from the Lord, and to put Hebrews 10:25 into practice; to keep meeting with one another, and to encourage each other as we see the day of the Lord approaching. Let's roll this into 2019. Do not be afraid. Kia kaha!

Take care, and God bless, David.



**Reminder:** No Midnight Mass this year

**Office hours and contact of vicar during January:** Church office closed, reopens Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. The vicar is available during January for urgent calls on 027 4213200 or 021 985530

**No Services** held during January 2019.

**10am Sun Services 2019** Resume 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb & the Newsletter will be available in late January



## Readings for 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**OT:** Micah 5:2-5a

**NT:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

## Readings for Christmas Day:

**OT:** Isaiah 9:2-7

**NT:** Titus 2:11-14

**Gospel:** Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

## + Prayer Points +

- For those who are grieving, sick, sad, or lonely this Christmas; may we be Christ's hands and feet to them.
- Don't forget to pray for God's creatures this Christmas season – life can be tough on them during Christmas. Pray for those involved in the Animal Welfare and rescue
- For safe, happy and refreshing holidays for all



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