

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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

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**Vicars Warden:**

## 10:00am Lent 3 Family Communion

**Sermon:** "Why?" Rev David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Majella Heaton

In the wake of the evil tragedy that occurred in Christchurch, we need to focus on love and compassion. Although this is much in evidence, some are lashing out, blaming, spreading disinformation, and even using this awful occurrence as a means to push their own agendas. Banning books (such as Whitcoulls have done) and clamping down on freedom of speech etc are not helpful. We all need to take a deep breath and "zoom out". Do not give into fear or division, as that is what the forces of darkness want us to fall into. 2 Timothy 1:7 *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-control"*.

God bless, David

**An Irishman's thoughts on Waitangi:** Martin Campbell (Principal of East West College) is an engaging speaker – hear him share his experiences of being a volunteer at Waitangi. Tomorrow Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar at 7pm Oaks Church, Garfield St, Gordonton. Supper provided.  
**Foodbank:** Basic needs are tinned tomatoes, tinned soups, sugar, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, milk powder, sanitary items.



## Readings for 24<sup>th</sup> March:

**OT:** Isaiah 55:1-9

**NT:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

**Reader:** Melanie Holdsworth

**Children:** Kids activity packs are available with a chocolate treat 😊



## + Prayer Points +

- For Gods healing of the broken hearts of families of the Christchurch victims, and for the peace of the Lord to be upon New Zealand



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