

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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

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## 10:00am Palm Sunday Family Communion

**Sermon:** "From Celebration to Devastation to Restoration" Rev David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Trish Smithson

The palm branch is a symbol of victory, triumph, peace, and eternal life originating in the ancient Near East and Mediterranean world. The palm ' was sacred in Mesopotamian religions, and in ancient Egypt represented immortality, so you can see it's connection when the people of Jerusalem took up palm branches to wave them at Jesus as he entered the city of Jerusalem. This Sunday, please bring along palm or ponga branches



God bless, David

## Readings for 14<sup>th</sup> April:

**OT:** Zechariah 9:9-11

**NT:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** Mathew 21:1-11

**Reader:** Trish Smithson

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



**Good Friday Service:** This Friday 10am.



**Foodbank:** current needs are tinned baked beans & tinned spaghetti, sandwich fillings, pasta, tinned pasta sauce.

## + Prayer Points +

- For this Holy Week that the Lord will speak to our hearts in a new way
- For Lynda and family from the Oaks church due to the passing of Keith.



In case of an emergency 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.