Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 8th Sep



Parish Office Hours & Contacts

Office Hours: Most Fridays 9am to 3pm Email: stmarysgordonton@hotmail.co.nz Web: www.saintmarysgordonton.azurewebsites.net Vicars Phone: 027 4213200 Fridays or 07 8492761 A/H Vicar: Rev. David Smithson Peoples Warden: Sally-Ann Riddell 07 8243850 Vicars Warden: John Heaton 07 824 3996

10:00 am Family Communion Service Sermon: "Friends and Forgivers" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Trish Smithson

There is a lot of handwringing about mental health, and the tragedy of people taking their own lives – particularly young men. Although reasons why this happens are complex and many, some underlying factors are right in front of us; the lie of evolution – in that we just accidently evolved from primordial soup, and that we are an insignificant speck in the universe, through to how men are constantly portrayed as stupid on the media – just look at television adverts! To be masculine is also now being touted as "toxic". Abortion and Euthanasia is on the agenda to further devalue life. The line between male and female is blurred and people are confused and blinded by the god of this age. The truth is that we were created male and female by a God who loves us, the earth is a realm created by Him for us to enjoy and live in, you and your life is beautiful and that Jesus Christ died and rose again for us to set us free. Spread this Good News! God bless, David.

Grief Share Support Group:

A special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Wednesdays until 13 November, 7.00-9.00pm West Hamilton Community Church 27A Rifle Range Road, Dinsdale, Hamilton Contact Mary Elliot-Hogg 021 214 3115 |

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

Readings & Intercessor for 8th Sep:

OT: Jeremiah 18:1-11 **NT**: Philemon 1-21 **Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

<u>**Reader:**</u> Trish Smithson <u>Intercessor:</u> Trish Smithson

Children: Kids activity packs are available with a chocolate treat ☺



+ Prayer Points +

- For the wonderful young men of New Zealand to know and to value themselves
- For the sick and lonely may we be God's hands and feet to them



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.