Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 1st Dec



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10:00 am Advent 1 Family Communion Service

Sermon: "Mountains, Rocks & Water" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Melanie Holdsworth

Wow Advent is here already! Thank you to those who helped decorate our church for this season on Wednesday night. Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's coming. Advent looks both back to Christ and forward to Christ. Prepare in expecting the Christ Child, and prepare that Christ will one day soon return. For those who maybe too shy to usually do so; between now and Christmas is an excellent time to invite friends or family along to a church service to worship in our beautiful church. God bless, David.



Foodbank: The current need through to the end of Dec is: baby food, milk powder, sugar, flour, baked beans and spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned stews, tinned tomatoes, tinned cream corn, pasta, rice, biscuits, and of course Christmas treats! Items can be placed in the basket located in the church porch.



Readings & Intercessor for 1st Dec:

OT: Isaiah 2:1-5 **NT**: Romans 13:11-14 **Gospel:** Matthew 24:36-44

<u>Reader:</u> Melanie Holdsworth <u>Intercessor:</u> Melanie Holdsworth

Children: Cool Advent activity packs with a chocolate treat!



+ Prayer Points +

- For those grieving passed loved ones at this time of year for Adrienne, Rosalie, and Lou & their families
- For Richard & Fee, Aphia and Catherine in God's mission fields



In case of a fire 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.