

St Mary's, Gordonton. Christmas Eve & Christmas Day



Parish Office Hours & Contacts in Jan

Office Hours: Closed 27 Dec – 31 Jan

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Vicar: Rev. David Smithson

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Tues 24th 11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Weds 25th 9:30am Christmas Day Communion

Homily: *"The Story of Christmas"*

*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*

The year has been a year of joy and sadness, tears and laughter, as we journeyed together on the pilgrimage of life with Jesus, not only as the ultimate destination, but as the companion on the way. Remember Hebrews 10:25; 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 2020. Take care, and God bless, David.



Office hours and contact of vicar during

January: Church office closed, reopens Friday 31st Jan. The vicar is available during January for urgent calls on 021 985530

No Services held during January 2020.

10am Sun Services 2019 Resume 2nd Feb & the Newsletter will be available in late January



Readings for 24th Dec

OT: 2 Samuel 7 – 8:16

NT: Acts 13:16-26

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Readings for 25th Dec

OT: Isaiah 9:2-7

NT: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

+ 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



In case of a fire or 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.