

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March



## Parish Office Hours & Contacts

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

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## 10:00 am Lent 1 Family Communion Service

**Homily:** "Freedom" Rev. David Smithson

**Refreshments:** Muriel Riddell

Kia ora and welcome! We begin our Lenten journey with the first Sunday in Lent falling on St David's day: The patron of Wales, David was someone who strove to move in God's Kingdom, and to keep the world at bay, sometimes going to extraordinary lengths such as standing in cold water for many hours – do not try this at home for Lent! None the less, we remember that we are saved by God's grace, and that Lent is a time during the year to spiritually "spring clean" ourselves, and to make more of an effort to keep close to God during our faith journey. This Sunday we delve into how humanity got itself into the mess we find ourselves in, and how we can get out! God bless, David



St David's day

**Fr Michael Kelly:** Speaking at St John's Methodist church, 20 Wellington St, Hamilton East, Weds 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm on "Persecution of Christians reaches genocide levels"

**Foodbank:** Current needs are flour, sugar, rice, pasta, milk powder, tea, coffee and sandwich spreads.

## Readings & Intercessor for 1<sup>st</sup> Mar:

**OT:** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

**NT:** Romans 5:12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Reader:** Katy Cockerton

**Intercessor:** Katy Cockerton

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



## + Prayer Points +

- For the Christian Community as it paves it's way in its new journey
- For those affected by draught in northland and here in north Waikato



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.