

# Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



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## The "Virtual Vicar" In Touch



*Jesus Is Lord*

The whole Covid-19 and subsequent lockdown caught us all by surprise – even when we saw lockdowns occurring in other countries, and heard about “Levels”. I well remember when we had a day or so before Level 4 came into being at 11:59pm, and rushing out to put petrol in the car (even though we ended up not being able to use it!) and getting a few other items etc. I think the majority of us did this. We were still caught unawares and not totally ready for it even though we could see it coming. So it will be with the return of Jesus Christ. This readiness reminded me of Christ's return. Jesus said that there will be certain signs before He returns, and that when he does, it will still come as a surprise – like a thief in the night (Matthew 24:43). Jesus urges us to all be prepared for His return, and gives an analogy of the maids who were prepared for His return, and those who were not (see Matthew 25:1-13). Keep watching, be vigilant. Come Lord Jesus!

Keep praying for one another! God bless you – David

*Please look up these readings for this Sunday as part of your spiritual devotion:*

**Old Testament:** Psalm 23

**New Testament:** Acts 2:42-47

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10



*Remember that our church Facebook Page is another way to connect during this lockdown: Please “like” it ☺ You can access it via our church website.*



## + Prayer Points +

- For a speedy recovery for Margaret as she is still affected by her fall
- For our Mission family the Frasers in the UK, as well as the Tuwi's in Chad



*The unfailing love of the Lord never ends! By His mercies we have been kept from complete destruction. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in Him!” The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for Him and seek Him. so it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.  
Lamentations 3:22-26*