Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sun 20th Dec



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10am Advent 4 Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Leaping for Joy" Rev. David Smithson

Refreshments: Sally-Ann Riddell

A wonderful story of Advent is that of Mary, who had an angelic prophetic encounter, and then found herself pregnant with the Son of God! So this has never happened before! Mary rushes off to be with her cousin Elisabeth, who also is pregnant with John the Baptist after an angelic prophetic encounter! Two ordinary women who struggled through life are suddenly catapulted into very strange and yet wonderful circumstances that will alter the course of this world to come! We all lead rather "ordinary" lives – but what does God have in store for us, especially when we are entering very interesting times...

God bless, David.





Readings & Intercessor for 20th Dec:

OT: 2 Samuel 7:1-16 **NT**: Romans 16:25-27 **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45

Reader: Sally-Ann Riddell
Intercessor: Sally-Ann Riddell

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



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- Thank the Lord for the new space for Richard
 & Fee to operate their UK Mission
- For Aphia, Catherine, and Emunah in Scotland, that Catherine will get well
- For Fiji as it braces for cyclones



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