Saint Mary's Church, Gordonton. Sunday 29th Aug



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The "Virtual Vicar" In Touch





Hi there!

Well we are heading into or second Sunday of not meeting, and I am wondering how long I can go on without holding a service as I miss seeing you all! It is distressing to see that there are other methods of dealing with the outbreak and that those who are proposing them are just as qualified (sometimes even more so) than the appointed spokespeople, yet they are censored and shut down. The office of the PM is currently seeking an appointment of a Senior Analyst for Misinformation! How this is run in shutting down opposing or different alternatives remains to be seen but I don't like the chances of it being benign. Whatever happens, we remember that the living God is on the Throne, and that He, the Creator of Heaven and Earth knows, loves, and cares for us, and will never leave us, nor forsake us.

God bless you - David



+ Prayer Points +

- For New Zealand and its economy, and all the businesses and jobs affected by this lockdown.
- For parishioners who are lonely during lockdown: pray plus give them a call!
- For our Christian brothers and sisters in Afghanistan



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

Old Testament: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 New Testament: James 1:17-27 Gospel: Mark 7:1-23



There is a *free* Online Alpha Course Weds Sep 1 at 7pm Via Zoom. Details have been emailed



Lamentations 3:22-26

- ²² ^lThe steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; ^{[2}
 - ^{*l*}his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new ^m every morning; ⁿ great is your faithfulness.
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- ²⁴ ° "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, ^k "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who ^p wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ ^{*q*} It is good that one should wait quietly