# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 3rd Dec



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## 10am Advent 1 Holy Communion Service

Homily: "The Potters Hand" Rev David Smithson

## Morning Tea: Trish

Advent is a time to prepare for Christ's coming. Advent looks both back to Christ and forward to Christ; to prepare in expecting the Christ Child, and prepare that Christ will one day soon return again. A few weeks ago, we delved into the parable of the 10 maidens – 5 were foolish, and 5 were wise. Jesus concluded his parable to keep watch. This Sunday's gospel Jesus also repeats: "...Keep watch." Isaiah 64 1-9 also sets the stage of perilous times, and His people calling out for God to come down to earth, and for God to shape them as a potter would for clay ready to receive Him

God bless, David



#### + Prayer & Praise Points +

- For a Holy Advent as we prepare for the arrival of our Lord
- For Rich & Fee, praising God for HCF ministry receiving the King's honours list

### **Readings & Intercessor for 3 Dec**

OT: Isaiah 64:1-9 (page 813)
NT: 1Corinithians 1:3-9 (p 1266)
Gospel: Mark 4:24-37

<u>Reader:</u> Charles <u>Intercessor:</u> Trish

**Foodbank**: Let's put in some Christmas treats as well as the usual Biscuits, Pasta Sauces, Milo and Drinking Chocolate, Toiletry items, Soup, Rice, Milk Powder, Sugar, Baby Food and Nappies. Keep them coming <sup>(C)</sup>





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