

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec



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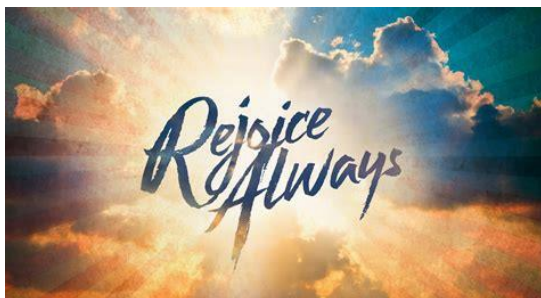
## 10am Advent 3 Holy Communion Service

**Homily:** "Gaudete/Rejoice!" Rev David Smithson

### Morning Tea: Majella

Today we're celebrating the Third Sunday in Advent, and it's traditionally known as 'Gaudete' Sunday, from the Latin word for 'rejoice or joy'. In our readings for this Sunday morning, the theme of Joy is strong. In our NT reading Paul says 'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice' And in our Old Testament reading we hear Zephaniah – a prophet who for most of his time had been foretelling doom and gloom judgement against Jerusalem – suddenly finishing his prophecy in v 14 with "*Sing and shout for Joy, people of Israel. Rejoice with all your heart Jerusalem!*"

God bless, David



### + Prayer & Praise Points +

- For our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria
- For those families feeling the strain of the commercialism of Christmas, and who are missing passed loved ones.



### Readings & Intercessor for 17 Dec

**OT:** Zephaniah 3:14-20 (p 1025)

**NT:** Philippians 4:4-7 (p 1315)

**Gospel:** Luke 3:7-18

**Reader:** Charles

**Intercessor:** Majella

**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 😊



**WhatsApp Prayer Chain:** If you have any prayer requests, it's simply a WhatsApp away. To join, please see Helen for your contact details to be entered



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