# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec



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## 10am Advent 4 Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Mary's Song" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Trish

This morning's gospel reading is called the "Magnificat" from the Latin word meaning "it praises." This song or prayer of Mary's took place in response to seeing her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth. Having trusted the angel Gabriel who visited her to announce the news of her pregnancy, Mary believes God's Word to her and Elizabeth declares her blessed for doing so, and full of the love of God, Mary bursts out in song...

God bless, David



### + Prayer & Praise Points +

- For a Holy Christmas as we welcome the arrival of our Lord
- For those people affected in the Vanuatu earthquake.
- For peace in the Middle East & Ukraine



### **Readings & Intercessor for 22 Dec**

*OT*: Micah 5:2-5 (page 1011) *NT*: Hebrews 10:5-10 (p 1349) *Gospel*: Luke 1:39-55

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

**Foodbank**: Is closed and will re-open in the new year. Thank you all who have donated throughout the year ♥



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