

# Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 27 July



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## 10am Holy Communion Service

**Homily:** "Sin and Redemption" Rev David Smithson

**Morning Tea:** Kay

When I first looked at the Old Testament reading for this Sunday I thought "that's a bit rough, and would we want to talk on this? I mean would God really want to ask a prophet to marry a promiscuous woman? What's going on here?" Yes – God did ask Hosea to marry this woman. You see, this was part of God's plan, and we all know that God's ways are not our ways, and sometimes God's ways don't make sense to us because we can't see the overall plan God has. God wanted to teach Israel a lesson, so he told Hosea to marry Gomer – a woman of loose morals and repute. This was a metaphor for Israel's unfaithfulness to God, as well as our own...  
God bless, David



### + Prayer & Praise Points +

- For St Mary's, Avondale, as they suffer the loss of their church
- For God's blessing on the Community of Gordonton



## Readings & Intercessor for 27 July

**OT:** Hosea 1:2-10 (p 975)

**NT:** Colossians 2:6-19 (p 1318)

**Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

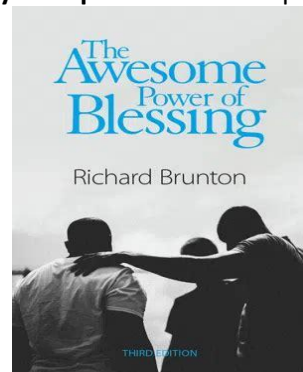
**Reader:** Charles

**Intercessor:** Kay

**Foodbank:** The continued basic needs are for flour, sugar, rice, pasta, milk powder, tea, coffee, jam, peanut butter



**Prayer/Study Group:** Meets Weds 7pm @ St Mary's



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