

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 16 November



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10am Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Fear Not" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Melanie

In this week's Gospel reading Jesus speaks about false messiahs, wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines, plagues, and oppression. And all of that will be preceded by a time of persecution. Yes, you can see these things heating up in the world and some dark clouds on the horizon. Most of my life I've heard that the end times are nearing, but I can see those clouds - and the deception that goes before them - drawing closer. We *could* really live in fear that the end times are nearing. But we are not to live in fear. In today's OT Reading, Isaiah is also talking about the end days as well. What he has to say about that time is actually sounds a bit more hopeful than the gospel reading...
God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For our persecuted brothers and sisters in Sudan and Nigeria
- For students and their families during NCEA exams



Readings & Intercessor for 16 Nov

OT: Isaiah 65:17-25 (p 814)

NT: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (p 1327)

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Reader: Charles

Intercessor: Melanie

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



Meets Weds 7pm @ St Mary's

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