Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 19 April

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10am Holy Communion Service

Homily: "An Encounter on a Dusty Road" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Rosalie

Today's Gospel we have two disciples on a road leading to Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. It is the evening of the first Easter. Jesus has risen, but these two disciples don't know this yet, or at least fully know it. They are very upset. All they know is their leader, their master, the one they put all their hopes on, is dead and gone. Suddenly Jesus is with them, in the form of a stranger. We know it is Jesus, but they don't, adding to the dramatic tension in the story. It says 'their eyes were kept from recognizing him.' For whatever reason, they cannot perceive him, even though he is right beside them, the same can be said for us on life's road…God bless, David

+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For the Lord's peace in the Middle East
- For the Holy Spirit to deepen and to grow our Faith – opening our hearts and minds

Readings & Intercessor for 19 April

***OT*:** Psalm 116:1-18 (p 675)
NT: Acts 2:36-42 (p 1206)
***Gospel*:** Luke 24:13-35
Reader: Charles
Intercessor: Rosalie

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

The Epistles
Weds 22 April 7:00pm @ St Mary's

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