

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 21 June



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10am Holy Communion

Homily: "Fence Sitting?" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Kay

In this morning's gospel Jesus talks about discipleship in the face of conflict. Jesus said something interesting: that he came not to bring peace, but a sword. An unusual phrase for the Prince of Peace to use. *"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the world. No, I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."* Jesus' sword is the word of God. Jesus came to divide his people into two groups: those who are saved by grace and those who reject him and are condemned. There are certainly two sides in this cosmic war, and the day is coming when we cannot sit on the fence, but we do have an anchor to hold on to when we are on the Lord's side...
God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- For our persecuted brothers and sisters of Eritrea
- Praise God for all of life's blessings that we have in New Zealand



Readings & Intercessor for 21 June

OT: Genesis 21:1-21 (p 23)

NT: Romans 6:1-11 (p 1253)

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Reader: Charles

Intercessor: Kay

Foodbank: Keep those items coming 😊 Baby food, milk powder, sugar, flour, baked beans and spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned stews, tinned tomatoes, tinned cream corn, pasta, rice, biscuits.



Bible Study & Prayer
PAUL & HIS LETTERS:
Weds 7:00pm @ St Mary's



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