

Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Gordonton. Sun 2 Aug



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10am Holy Communion Service

Homily: "Wrestling with God" Rev David Smithson

Morning Tea: Kay

This Sunday's Old Testament story of Jacob wrestling with an unknown being pulls us back to reality of our own lives. My favourite author, Frederick Buechner, writes of Jacob's divine encounter at the Jabbok River as *the "magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God."* It's in Jacob's story we can easily recognize our own struggle: fears, darkness, loneliness, empty feelings of powerlessness, exhaustion and pain. However, God does not want to leave us with our trials, our fears, our battles in life...God bless, David



+ Prayer & Praise Points +

- Praise God for Kay's new granddaughter – Lyla Rose.
- For those who are lonely, sick or grieving – may we be Christ's hands to them



Readings & Intercessor for 2 Aug

OT: Genesis 32:22-32 (p 39)

NT: Romans 9:1-5 (p 1257)

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Reader: Charles

Intercessor: Kay

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



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



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