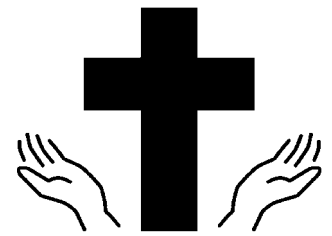


St George's Anglican Church



www.stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

28th February 2010

“Empowering people to be Christ’s followers in the world ...”

VISITORS ... It’s great to have you worshipping with us today. Do pick up a copy of our *“Newcomer’s Leaflet”* and a St George’s pen at the Welcome Desk and introduce yourself to one of the staff or greeters.

TODAY

Morning Preacher: Liz Morris
Theme: Simple prayer from the heart - “K.I.S.S.”
Evening Preacher: Iain Gow
Theme: In the Now, But not yet!

NEXT WEEK

Morning Preacher: Jo Bissett
Theme: Practicing the Presence: Prayer in daily life
Evening Preacher: Warren Watson
Theme: With an attitude of Christ!

Special Prayer Service Focus 2010 (Sun 28th Feb 3-4pm)

We are holding a special service at the start of the year to prayerfully bring all the plans, possibilities and challenges of 2010 to God. We want to begin the year prayerfully with the intention of going through the year prayerfully. Please join us. For more info contact Stan Thorburn ph 520 5652

Prayer



A short Lenten course on prayer, including reflection on the sermon, prayers from the bible, disciplines from the traditions of the church, and moments to give it a go. Facilitators – David Crawley, Jeannie Blaker & Andrew Osborn ph 524 0402. Thursdays March 4, 11, 18, 25, St Cuthbert’s Chapel, 122 Market Rd, Epsom 7.30-9.15pm

Verse for the Week: ‘We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.’ Romans 8:26b

19 Ranfurly Rd, Epsom, Auckland 1023. Ph:520 5652 Fax:520 5653



Iain Gow

Vicar

I feel it is very important that the church family has opportunities through the year to find out what is happening in different areas of ministry.

To this end, we have two evenings planned for you to hear about some of the new thinking in the areas of: Discovery and Discipleship (Andrew Osborn), and Youth Ministry (Peter/ Keri Revell & Natalie Donald)

The first evening will be on:

March 8th - Youth Ministry

The second evening will be on:

May 4th - Discovery & Discipleship

The evening will be held in the church and will start at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm. There will be tea and coffee from 7:15 - 7:30pm.

There will be a presentation first and then opportunities for discussion.

Whilst these evenings will help you know specifically about 2010, they will also aid us in our thinking towards a vision of 2011-2016.

Bless you. Iain

Josh & Kim Jones Update

Josh's Immigration application has started its 3rd and final stage. It has been very slow. He and Kim are feeling the effects of time dragging. Can we especially trust God to go before at this crucial point and please pray that as a Church we would really catch the vision of what Josh can bring to our ministry and earnestly wait on God to complete His work in this process.

Mainly Music needs you

We at mainly music are looking for an enthusiastic team of people to help us on a Friday morning. Your responsibilities would include: assisting with set-up before the session, helping children participate by handing out props and joining in with the actions, mingling with mums and caregivers over a cuppa and help with tidying up at the end. This is a great opportunity to be involved in the wider community of St Georges and make connections with young families. No experience necessary, age no barrier, just a willingness to get stuck in! For more information please see Helen or call her on 634 6944.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

MISSION NEWS

Becs arrived back in Kalene yesterday from her holiday. There's a pharmacist from Dunedin arriving at the same time as Becs and will be her new house mate for the next 2 months.

Mark Jo and children

Future: TLM International (the Mission Jo and Mark are with) has decided not to continue funding the work in the Philippines beyond the middle of the year and with no other option our current contract will not be renewed. We now have a blank page (some scribbled ideas) as we seek God for what is next. We remain passionate about leprosy and the poor and our commitment to missions. At the moment it seems like God is saying to stay in the Philippines but that will need a clear role (apart from Thesis) and funding. Some interesting possibilities in terms of medical work amongst indigenous tribes are a possibility. They are going on Home Leave to England at the end of April for two months. Pray for them as they make decision about their future.

Vicki Alistair and children

They ask for wisdom as they balance the demands of the school, family and rest. The school is employing and training Tanzanian staff. They need wisdom as they seek to employ more local staff.

Interested in a better understanding of holistic mission?

Wondering what to do with your interest in cross-cultural mission?

Then eXplore is for you!

Hear first-hand experiences and share a great lunch at this one day event. Together we'll eXplore topics such as getting ready to go, what's culture and contextualization, what business has to do with God's kingdom and what down-to-earth mission is all about.

27 March - Auckland

Cost: \$30 - includes entry, materials and great ethnic food. (\$20 – for early registration and the non-waged).

Contact alison@interserve.org.nz

Phone 630 0981

For more info on Missions, contact Peter & Heather Millais ph 630 2242 or email millais@xtra.co.nz

Newcomers evening

Thursday 18th March 7:30pm

Do come along—a chance to find out more about what's happening here at St George's, meet some of the staff and others over cake, and ask any questions. If you haven't been to a newcomers evening before, then come along on Thursday 18th March 7:30 – 8:45pm in Church.

For more info contact Stan Thorburn ph 520 5652 / thosta@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz. Also please see Stan if you'd like to help with the newcomers evening. Thanks

THIS MORNING
@ 7.45, 9.00 & 10.45am

PREACHER: Liz Morris
READINGS: Psalm 42
Romans 8:26-37
Matthew 6:5-6
THEME: Simple Prayer from the Heart - K.I.S.S.

7.45AM

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to His name, for that is pleasant. Psalm 135:3

9.00AM

Pre-9am Service Prayer Meeting: You are welcome to join in at 8:30am Sundays in the crèche room at the back of the Church.

10.45AM

Morning Tea: You're welcome to stay for tea & coffee after the service.

7.00PM

Preacher: Iain Gow
Jordan Greatbatch leads St G's @ 7 tonight, with Carmel McGill and Team guiding our expression of worship in music and song.

Alpha Dinner

21st April 2010

St Georges' Hall
7.00 pm

For more info please contact Andrew Osborn ph 524 0402 or email andrewinepsom@xtra.co.nz



WEDNESDAY @ 10.00AM

This Wednesday - **3rd March**
Come for a quiet time of reflection, prayer & Holy Communion.
Any questions contact Colin Ruge ph 521 1921 or ruge@xtra.co.nz

Aspiritual journey for Lent
In His steps with love

During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will journey with Jesus and seek His help to grow in our relationship with others. To help us do that we will try and keep our mind on the question "**What would Jesus do in this situation?**"

And through the power of His Holy Spirit He will help us with
Our acceptance of others
Our patience with others
Our kindness to others
Our forgiveness of others
(If you are unable to come to these services, there is a **Midweek Thought** available through the office.
Do ring 520 5652 if you would like one).

Reminder if you have a Notice!

I would like please to remind people that notices you wish to give on a Sunday are:

1. For 10 seconds max.
2. About reminding people it is in the Newsletter; it is not about a re-telling of the notice.
3. Article for Newsletter or PowerPoint request from Shami has to be in by Thursday morning latest. Won't go in after that.
4. 2 Sunday notice slots before an event.
5. 3 notices on a Sunday max (Vicar's discretion after that).

Iain Gow

Food for Thought

Sharing food and drink is a wonderful way to encourage creative discussion, as I'm sure you'll agree. So, as part of our process of discovering God's future together, we want to invite you to each other's houses for a meal!

How it works: A number of hosts offer the opportunity to explore and discuss the future of St George's over a meal in their home. Potluck, barbecue, brunch, breakfast on a weekday or weekend... whatever is easiest. The group is limited to seven – a deliberately uneven number that is not too burdensome. Hosts may wish to offer hospitality once only, or for a series of discussions.

What happens: Each gathering is very informal, though intentional. As well as getting to know one another, we spend time talking about our hopes and dreams for St George's over the next five years.

When: 'Food for Thought' will happen in May, after Iain Gow has prepared a draft vision document for our consideration. Hosts and facilitators will then meet with Iain to feed back our response. There will also be larger, more formal opportunities for consultation with the whole church at this time.

Who: Some may wish just to be hosts, while others facilitate the discussion. If you would like to be a host or facilitator for 'Food for Thought', please find out more by contacting Andrea Candy, ph: 525 6985 or cando@wave.co.nz

Bon Appétit!

Youth Ministry Changes - Term 1 Trial

As we have thought through matters relating to the development of the Youth Ministry at St George's, one of the most difficult to confront has been that of "critical mass". In our planning and discussions over the summer we decided that making sure we had sufficient numbers of young people at events as well as on Sunday was a vital ingredient to re-energise the youth work for 2010. In general, young people enjoy and benefit from being around lots of other young people as it creates a sense of belonging, and also enables young people to feel confident in inviting friends. It was therefore very pleasing to have so many young people attend Parachute (about 70), and our first social activities of the year last weekend had record numbers (60).

To take further steps in building "critical mass" we are trialling a different structure to our Sunday mornings for the first term of 2010. This trial involves having a single all-age (Years 7-13) youth group at our 9am service, and three groups (Years 7,8; Years 9,10; Years 11-13) at the 10.45 service, in anticipation of larger numbers of young people attending the 10.45am service.

Our objective is to see if this structure helps us create larger Sunday morning youth groups, which in turn have more appeal to young people, whilst at the same time enabling us to more effectively resource them with suitable teachers. We have averaged 88 school-age youth on Sundays in February.

We do understand that a trial like this creates some new issues for us beyond the youth ministry, and we do want to understand what these issues are. It is clear our church needs two family oriented services on Sundays in order to create the environment necessary for continued growth. But the appreciable drop off in youth numbers at St George's in 2009 gave us a desire to try some new and different things.

We are monitoring this trial closely and will report back at the end of the term.

Peter & Keri Revell (Interim Youth Director)

Sunday am youth

Today:

9:00—all age group
10:45—yr7-8, yr 9-10 & yr11-13
groups

Key Dates:

Friday 5th March

Sparx on Friday

Contact Pete & Annie Lamb:
(09) 631 7070
lambfamily@slingshot.co.nz

Sat March 6th

Picnic in Cornwall Park

(yr 9-13 invited) 2pm at Band R-
tunda

Please bring small snack and drink
to share

Contact Matt Shore:
021 02901501 or (09) 520 1113

Sat March 13th

Epic social!

Car rally to the hot pools with
bbq... can't think of a better way
to farewell summer really?!!
(Yrs7-13)

Sat March 20th

OE to... Rangitoto!!

More details out soon
Contact: Fergus Candy

Sat March 27th

Backyard Mission starts up!

More details out soon—see Mike
Sanders if you're keen to get in-
volved!

Youth Worker
Nat Donald
nat.donald@gmail.com
Mobile: 0273064247



St Georges Young Adults Presents...

The Vineyard Tour

A wine tasting tour of three beautiful
Kumeu Vineyards and a scenic picnic
at the final vineyard.

Saturday 6th March

You must be between the ages of 18
– 28 years. Bring \$20 to cover petrol
and wine tasting, a picnic lunch, a pic-
nic rug, and \$20-25 for a bottle of
wine (optional)

Register with Dan Sanders ph 021
829 875 daniel.sandersqc@gmail.com
by 28th Feb or via Facebook

Calling all travel agents!

We're planning a youth mission trip to
Fiji in the July school holidays (July
3rd-18th) and would love some help in
group bookings/making this happen!
So if you think you'd be able to help
please get in touch with Nat Donald.
(details on back of newsletter)

Meet & Create craft group

Our regular monthly craft group
meets on the second Tuesday of every
month at St George's church hall at
7.30pm. We begin again
on Tuesday 9th of March.

Basic card-making equipment is avail-
able for you to use. Feel free to bring
your own supplies, crafts or handwork
if you would like to.

This is a great opportunity to get to
know others in the church as well as a
fun evening to invite your friends to.
Everyone is very welcome, beginners
and experts.

Any inquiries contact Laurel Nuysink
629 1419 or 0211210363

WORKING BEE: If you want to help keep the Church compound clean and tidy, come to the next working bee on Wed 10th March 2010. For more details please contact Rod Kestle 630 6531

Passover Meal

Thursday 1st April 6.30pm

Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he died. As part of our Easter experience, we are holding a Passover Meal on the night before Good Friday

This is an event for all ages.

Tickets (\$7.50 person) / \$26 family (up to 5 people). Please contact Suzanna Irwin

HELP WANTED: Help is wanted with the Passover Meal - Cooking Lamb, Cooking Gravy, Cooking Potatoes. Please contact Ruth Ruge if you are able to help ph 521 1921 or email ruge@xtra.co.nz

If you would like to help set up the hall before hand or help on the night bringing things out of the oven or with dishes, please contact Suzanna Irwin ph 634 0850 or email nige.suzie@vodafone.co.nz

David Lyle Morris
11th Album Launch night
Saturday 20 March
St George's Hall 7.30pm

'Life story' published by Integrity Asia Celebrates 20 years of worship recordings. Free entry, but please buy a CD. Live versions of album songs to enjoy. All welcome

TEAM 31: Although we have nearly 50 people praying for Iain and Linda we have gaps on days 2, 3, 8, 17, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31 of each month. Are any of these days significant to you? Please contact Rod or Penny Kestle ph 630 6531.

"The Anglican Church - an ailing anachronism or an abiding establishment? Just what in the world is currently going on?" The University of Auckland proudly presents an interesting and free presentation from 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner Dr Jennifer Plane Te Paa, the first lay, indigenous and single woman ever to be appointed as head of an Anglican theological college throughout the Anglican Communion. Saturday 06 March 2010 1.30pm - 2.30pm at The University of Auckland Business School, Owen G Glenn Building, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland. Room OGGB3

House to rent, 2 bdrm cottage beside the sea at Hillsborough, tidy and well maintained. Large lounge with gas fire and polished floor, new carpet in bedrooms, gas hot water, double carport, quiet and private with large deck. \$300 p.w. Available 6 March. Please contact Christine or Ian Hallett ph 625 7318.

Male flatmate wanted (and also washing machine and chairs)! Moana Ave, Onehunga. Near Cornwall park. Looking for Christian guy flatmate age 20-25 years old. Rent a room for \$95 (plus \$55 a week for food and expenses). If interested contact Vincent Revell ph 021 268 8348 or email v.revell@gmail.com.

Also, we need a washing machine and dining chairs so if anyone in church is trying to get rid of some, we would be very interested in getting our hands on them.

SERMON NOTES

THE STAFF: Can be contacted via the office or at these **Emergency a/h numbers.**
Please respect the fact that many staff have Mondays off. **However, the office is open.**

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Stan Thorburn	Associate Vicar	625 5127	thosta@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

Weekly congregations led by:

7.45am	Seti Afoa		
9.00am	Stan Thorburn		
	Judy Carey	520 3932 a/h	judycares@gmail.com
10.45am	Iain Gow		
7.00pm	Iain Gow		
Wed 10	Colin Ruge	521 1921 a/h	ruge@xtra.co.nz

Monthly congregations led by:

The Gathering for AWE (3rd Tues of Month)	Penny Kestle	630 6531 a/h	pmkestle@gmail.com
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<i>To be Confirmed</i>	Children/ Young Families		
Rush de Silva	KidsChurch	021 403 009	rush23k@ihug.co.nz
<i>To be Confirmed</i>	Creative Ministries		
Carmel McGill	Creative Ministries	027 322 6884	carmelmcgill@gmail.com

Vestry Contacts:

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Fraser Powrie	Vicar's Warden		
Malcolm Taylor	Treasurer	522 1634 a/h	malcolmt@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

Other contacts:

Alpha Co-ordinator	Andrew Osborn	524 0402	Mission Support Group	Heather Millais	630 2242
AAW Fellowship	Anne Carter	636 5447	Music Co-ordinators 9am	Sandra & Terry Arnold	630 7254
Marriage Courses	David & Wendy Rhodes	625 7051	Music Co-ordinator 10:45 & 7pm	Camel McGill	027 322 6884
Circa 30s	Suzanna Irwin	634 0850	Men's Ministry	Glen Candy	525 6985
Discipleship	Peter Alfrey	525 2958	Women's Breakfast	Jo Appleby	636 7141
Embracing Life	Glenys Brookbanks	631 0449	Prayer Chain	Maureen Peacock	623 7436
Giving Envelopes	David Blakey	524 4350	Young Adults	Daniel Sanders	021 829 875
mainly music	Helen Long	634 6944	Prayer Ministry	Penny Kestle	630 6531
Play Group	Maree Walters	625 2299	Intercessory Prayer Group	Leley Lilley	636 7888