

St George's Anglican Church

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

NEXT WEEK

Morning Preacher: Andrew Osborn
Theme: Praying the Scriptures: Prayer as listening to God
Evening Preacher: Jordan Greatbatch
Theme: By Pressing Towards the Goal

COMING UP

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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

FEB & MARCH @ ST G

Sunday February 21st
MORNING Preacher: David Crawley
Theme: Beyond duty and guilt:
Prayer as relationship
EVENING Preacher: Joseph Gibbs
Theme: In Prayer!

Sunday February 28th
MORNING Preacher: Liz Morris
Theme: Simple prayer:
Prayer from the Heart - K.I.S.S.
EVENING Preacher: Iain Gow
Theme: In the Now, BUT not yet!

Sunday March 7th
MORNING Preacher: Jo Bissett
Theme: Practicing the Presence:
Prayer in daily life
EVENING Preacher: Warren Watson
Theme: With an attitude of Christ!
Sunday March 14th
MORNING Preacher: Andrew Osborn
Theme: Praying the Scripture:
Prayer as listening to God
EVENING Preacher: Jordan Greatbatch
Theme: By Pressing towards the Goal

Sunday March 21st
MORNING Preacher: Iain Gow
Theme: Out of the depths:
Prayer in tough times
EVENING Preacher: Iain Gow
Theme: Working with others for the Kingdom

Verse for the Week: ‘Be joyful always, Pray continually, Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus’ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Rev Andrew Osborn



Changes

Andrew and Jenny have sad news to bring you. I have been offered a position as assistant minister at a church in Hobart, Tasmania. The offer came unexpectedly after I had preached at Wellspring Anglican Church in Sandy Bay, Hobart, last Christmas, during a family holiday. With much difficulty and more prayer, Jenny and I have decided to accept the position.

This has not been an easy decision. In 2005 when Bob Barrett offered me the position of Evangelism and Apologetics he was offering me my ideal job. When Iain rewrote my job description six months ago he made it even better. Iain creates a psychologically healthy work environment and is also truly innovative. I believe that under his leadership St Georges has the possibility of be-

coming cutting edge, a church whose ministry that remains faithful to the scriptures and uniquely crafted to engage our 21st century culture. Jenny works at probably the best department in her field, in the Southern Hemisphere, both in terms of the people and productivity. She has wonderful colleagues. Our children Ellie, Myles and Henry are very happy at school and church. We have made good friends here at St Georges and in Auckland. We have enjoyed doing ministry with you. Some of the things we have done together have been the most precious things I been involved in my life. And those memories are not primarily of tasks achieved but of friendships that have blossomed when we did stuff together. I have learnt so much from you all. We feel thoroughly at home here. So we want to thank you for all we have done together, your generosity and your friendship.

“I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...” Philippians 1: 3-5

If we were to make this

decision based solely on the here and now, it would be a no brainer. We would stay. But for some-time we have had the strong sense it was time to return to Australia to be closer to family. Particularly to be there for our parents as they grow older and that Ellie, Myles and Henry might grow up knowing their cousins and extended family well.

Wellspring Church in Hobart has a regular attendance of around 300 people. The evening congregation includes about 100 students. The Christian student worker to the campus and the chaplains of the two Anglican Schools attend. Most likely, I will be responsible for the 10 am congregation, which includes mid thirties and above, with young and teenage families attending.

Probably, we will leave St Georges towards the end of July, that means we will have another Alpha course together, I hope to get the Discovery and Discipleship Team at the first delivery stage, this Pop-up on prayer, a number of Vision Film Group evenings, and who knows what other madness might unfold...

The Rev. Andrew T Osborn



Info on Missions contact
Peter & Heather Millais

ph 630 2242 or email millais@xtra.co.nz

Alistair and Vicki and children: Preparations are underway for the special Easter Assembly on 1 April that parents and the community are invited to. It is a wonderful opportunity to share to people of other faiths. Emma, Matthew and Jonathan have a number of Tanzania children as friends which gives opportunity for Alistair and Vicki to relate to the parents. Some of the Secondary pupils are practising on Saturdays for the cross country race.

Mark Jo and children need clarity regarding their future. They have two more months before they go to England for home leave. The Leprosy Mission has decided not to continue funding the work in the Philippines beyond the middle of the year and with no other option their current contract will not be renewed. Mark and Jo's heart is in serving the poor and poverty eradication. This is a very unsettling time for them as a family.

Dee: October was my last month at Mukinge and it began with a two day break up to see Becs in Kalene. On my return I was shocked to find that 2 children had been admitted with severe burns. The medical needs of these children really could not be met in a satisfactory manner and although they fought for their lives for several weeks both of them passed away. The seed distribution phase of the malnutrition project also got under way in October with each family enrolled in the project receiving 14 kg of soyabean seeds. It is hoped by harvest time (May), every family will be able to return the 14 kg and either sell or use the remainder of the harvest. By November it was time to leave Mukinge and I was in need of a break. I

was blessed to receive a free seat on a flight back to Lusaka and a nights accommodation with Flying Mission Zambia (FMZ) thanks to an American crew who had been working on our electricity circuits. I can only describe that living life on the mission field was living life 'honestly' and in spite of the hardships, sadness and remoteness of Mukinge, I felt that this is what I was designed to do. I hope to return to Mukinge within the year and I encourage anyone with a desire to go serve - to go! Mukinge is currently looking for doctors, an anaesthetist, an administrator and a registered nurse to oversee the malnutrition project. . .

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 ph 630 0981

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 11, 18, 25, St Cuthbert's Chapel, 122 Market Rd, Epsom 7.30-9.15pm

SERVICES

THIS MORNING @ 7.45, 9.00, 10.45AM

Preacher: Jo Bissett

Readings: 1 Chronicles 16:8-13
1 Thess 5:16-18 - Philip 1:3-11
John 15:5-8

Theme: Practicing the Presence: Prayer in daily life

7.45AM: The Prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
James 5:16

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: Warren Watson
Carmel McGill leads St G's @ 7 tonight, with Leah Wright and Team guiding our expression of worship in music and song.

WEDNESDAY @ 10.00AM

This Wednesday - 10th March
Come for a quiet time of reflection, prayer & Holy Communion. Any questions cont. Colin Ruge ph 521 1921/ruge@xtra.co.nz

A spiritual 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).

RESPONSE TO 2010

We are all able to give in lots of different ways to God's kingdom as a response to his working in our lives. Money is one way, and so in that context, I want to say a huge thank you to those of you who have felt able to respond by **pledging and giving** towards the ministry and mission of St George's in 2010. We will not know the full picture of what **is likely to** come in for the ministry and mission of 2010 until April (due to **the time taken to action changes in automatic bank payments, envelope giving and the like**), so until then we continue in faith! In April, I hope to have a firmer idea, and then we can know how to respond re staffing. On that subject, some people have asked me to clarify how we got to the \$73k increase for 2010. The main part of this increase comes from my **stipend**, as in 2010 we have the full year versus last year's **stipend**, when I was only here for 4 months. The other increase is Margaret's post, who is part-time (30 hours) and is the only new staff post in 2010. Please do ask Jim or Fraser (Churchwardens), Malcolm (Treasurer), Margaret (Operations Director) or myself any questions you may have on this. Iain

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@stgeorgeseppsom.org.nz. Also please see Stan if you'd like to help with the newcomers evening. Thanks

HEALING:

Prayer for healing & anointing with oil available after Wednesday 10am Service.



Keeping you in the loop.....

Dear friends.....Just thought it might be helpful to keep you up-to-date with some recent thoughts and developments....

You will by now have read Andrew's piece in the Newsletter. When he told me, I felt absolutely gutted! They are such a lovely family. I have a really good relationship with Andrew and will miss his wisdom hugely. But they are making a decision for their family, so I know we will want to honor that and wish them well, even though they will be hugely missed. More later about when and how we will say 'au revoir' to them....

Linda and I have been here six months and although the drive over the bridge is a pain, we know we need to do that until our eldest is well settled into his new job and the other finishes his school. Thank you for the many very kind and generous invitations to a meal; sorry we have not been able to say 'yes' straight away to everyone due to Linda working full-time, teenage boys and me having very long hours in the office. We both love meeting people, so we have hatched a cunning plan! We would like to host 'bring and share' lunches on a Sunday straight after church for around 8 people. We hope this will provide an opportunity to get to know each other more. More about that over the next month.....

A number of people have wondered about when is the best time to get a hold of me. Normally, I am in the office all day/ evening Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sunday. Wednesday is my writing day and Friday/Sat mornings are my days off. Stan who is part-time this year at 20 hours will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday. Margaret who is part-time at 30 hours is in the office every day. Andrew has his office at home neighboring the church and is contactable 8:30-3:30 Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fridays, Sat afternoons, Sun all day (Monday is his day off).

We are in the midst of Lent and I do hope you are finding this a time of preparation for

Easter. We have a number of events leading up to Holy week. Carmel will be writing about an exciting one on Friday the 26th of March and regarding, Maundy Thursday, I have invited Andrea to come back and lead this important event in the Easter Calendar. I have done this for two reasons, 1.) because staff are very stretched at the moment as we endeavor to get 2010 bedded in and 2.) it's good to have our past family visit. Tickets are on sale so please do grab one quickly, as they go fast from what I have heard! Finally, there will be a service on Good Friday.

We have the AGM coming up on March the 29th. Margaret will be placing some information on that in the Newsletter. I can honestly say we have a very supportive and happy Vestry and it has been and is a real pleasure to work with them. You may be pondering whether you wish to stand for Vestry. If so, it is important please that there is a clear understanding of what Vestry is about in the future, this being: 1.) working with the vicar to explore the vision, 2.) spiritual leadership, 3.) governance. This is not to say that 'nuts and bolts' are unimportant, rather that there are other opportunities for that to be expressed (eg the team that Rod leads for issues to do with Fabric).

We start the first of our 'Congregational Get-Togethers" this next week. The aim of these evenings is to enable the church family to know what is going on in the main ministry areas of our church, then have an opportunity for discussion and feedback. The first evening is on Youth. We have already met with parents of Youth; this is an opportunity for the wider church family to know what is happening. In May is the next one, on Discovery and Discipleship. All welcome!

This is just a few things to keep you abreast of things. I/we will certainly not get things right all of the time, so please if you have any concerns or questions, do ask me or a member of staff or vestry. We value communication and feedback and are trying to make sure over this next year, that we make this better.

Bless you. Iain

Sunday am youth

Today:

9:00—all age group
10:45—yr7-8, yr 9-10 & yr 11-13 groups

Key Dates:

****Friday 12th March****

Sparx on Friday

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

****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 involved!

July School Holidays: Fiji Mission trip

For senior youth (yr11-13)
More info out soon, if interested see Nat

Youth Worker

Nat Donald

nat.donald@gmail.com

Mobile: 0273064247

Congregation Get-Together!

Presentation and opportunities for discussion re: Youth Ministry @ St G's March 8th at 7.30pm in Church. Tea and coffee from 7.15pm. All Welcome!

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)

Pizza and Movie Night!

Friday 26 March (yr 11 -13) At Charlotte's house: 7 Wynsfield Garden, St Heliers. 6.30 - 9.30 p.m. RSVP and More details, contact Charlotte Robinson ph 521 2963/021 257 5406

Waikaremoana Tramp - April Holidays

Re-live Parachute. Catch the beauty of autumn. Stretch the legs. Tuesday 13th to Saturday 17th April (second week of the holidays). All youth and parents are invited, but there is limited space available in the huts. Be in quick! For more info contact John & Rosie Griffiths ph 630 0053.

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.

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). 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

Meet & Create craft group:

Monthly craft group meets second Tuesday of every month at St George's church hall at 7.30pm. This month - Tuesday 9th March. Basic card-making equipment available to use. Most welcome to bring your own supplies, crafts or handwork. Great opportunity to get to know others at St G's as well as have a fun evening. Invite friends. All welcome, beginners and experts. Any inquiries contact Laurel Nuysink ph 629 1419 or 021 121 0363

CHILDREN & YOUNG

Dear Kids Church Parents

A very belated welcome to 2010! May God bless you deeply throughout it.....

I met with parents of Youth this term, which was a very helpful meeting for me. I would also like very much to have the opportunity to meet with you at the beginning of this year. May I invite you to an evening of wine and nibbles on Thursday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Church. It will only be for around one hour and in this time I would like very much to bring you up-to-date with some of the latest developments for Kids Church. Can you RSVP to Lisa via her email

lisag@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or the church phone line 5205652 by Wednesday, 10th March, 1pm. Thank you. ..

God bless, Iain

TEAM 31 PRAYER for Iain and Linda. We now have gaps only on days 22, 24, 25, 26 and 30 of each month. Are any of these days significant to you? Please contact Rod or Penny Kestle ph 630 6531

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

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.**

Iain Gow	Vicar	476 7127 / 021 048 0219	iaing@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz
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	judycarey@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>	Creative Ministries		
Carmel McGill	Creative Ministries	027 322 6884	carmelmcgill@gmail.com

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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	Lezey Lilley	636 7888