

Opportunities for Prayer @ St George's

Prayer Chain: A small number of St George's members have pledged to pray regularly for those that seek support. Requests for prayer are strictly confidential & can be made to David & Lynette Wood. Email: dandlwood@gmail.com or Ph: 021 208 3561

Pre-Service Prayer: Held before the 9am and 10.45am services in the Pastoral Care / Prayer Room. You are welcome to join us. Access is through the back entrance of the main church building, first door on the left.

Saturday Morning Prayers: A group of people get together to pray for all areas of church life. 8am-9am in the Pastoral Care Room — Enquiries: Malcolm Taylor — 027 499 7749



Women's Day Out 2019

Saturday, 10th August 2019 @ Vaughan Park, Long Bay

HERSTORY: Past, Present, Future

Shona Pink-Martin, Assistant Vicar at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, will base her input on "*Herstory Past and Present*"

Jeannie Martin Blaker, from St. George's, will lead us in reflections in the afternoon session. On HERSTORY: Future as we have opportunity to consider God's continuing call on our lives individually and as a church community.

A bus will leave St. George's at 8.30am and return, leaving Vaughan Park at 3pm arriving back to St. George's for 3.30pm.

Next Kiwi Camino

Saturday, 18th May.

Meet at **The Cove café**, 910 Cove Rd, Waipu for a 9.15am start.

We will continue North following the Te Araroa trail, heading out from Waipu Cove to Ruakaka, mostly on the beach and with two river crossings.

Contact **Sarah Bowden** at sarah.laurie56@icloud.com for more details



An Evening of Story and Song

with **Niamh O'Neill**

St. George's Church, Sunday, 19th May at 7.15pm



Giving Receipts

For all those who we do not have an email address or a postal address against your giving number, you can collect your giving receipt from the back of the church.

We have posted out receipts to those who we are sure of the address and we have sent a "test" email to all those we have an email address for. Those who have confirmed their email address so far will have received their receipt via email already. **Please do reply to the test email** so the database can be up-dated. We will follow up all those we do not hear from in due course.

We have been informed that next year all receipts will be emailed, please contact the office if you would like to add your email, confirm your email or just check we have your details correctly noted.

Phone 520 5652 or email office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz

Thank you for your assistance.

**Te aroha, te whakapono, me te rangimarie tatou,
tatou e**

Love, faith and peace to all!

Ma Io koutou e manaaki, e tiaki i nga wa katoa



THE EXPANSIVE CHRIST

Resurrection Hope



"Empowering people to be Christ's followers in the world."

SUNDAY SERVICES: 12 May 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: "Christ's Expansive Presence"

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Ephesians 1:17-23 ; Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-5

VERSE OF THE DAY: Colossians 1:15 "*Christ is the exact image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, the eternal.*"

Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the Church Hall

Come to "**Tea and Be**".

A reflective service with guest **Mark Pierson**, from the Upper Room, this Sunday, 12th May, at 7pm.

The service will start promptly at 7pm.

There will be opportunity to socialise and have a coffee around 8pm, afterwards.

Everyone is welcome!



WEDNESDAY SERVICE 15 May

10am Speaker: Rev. Stan Thorburn

SUNDAY SERVICES, 19 May

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: **Rev. Gareth Walters**—"Christ's Expansive Hospitality"

**VISITORS ... It's great to have you worshipping with us today.
Do pick up a 'Welcome Pack' on the table at the back of church.
We hope you feel at home here and we look forward to getting to know you.**

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CO-VICARS

This week we continue our vital, Easter/Resurrection sermon series, "**The Expansive Christ**". Last week, Josh kicked off the series with a compelling exploration of the '**Kingdom of God**'. Josh discussed how this idea of God's coming reign of power, inaugurated by Jesus' death and Resurrection, is at the core of Jesus' '**good-news**' message and ultimately gives purpose to our lives, here and eternally. As **John Ortberg** reminds us, because Christ rose from the dead, "**Eternity is now in session**". Central to this series is the passage from St. Paul, in Colossians 1. As we saw, in last week's newsletter and service, Paul makes clear it is *in Christ, with Christ and for Christ*, that everything was made and finds its ultimate purpose. Here is the VOICE version of the same passage. Have a look at this passage and consider, how does this passage speak into your everyday life? Josh will be developing this theme today...

¹⁵ [Christ] is the *exact* image of the invisible God, the firstborn of creation, *the eternal*. ¹⁶ It was by [Christ] that everything was created: the heavens, the earth, all things within and upon them, all things seen and unseen, thrones and dominions, *spiritual* powers and authorities. Every detail was crafted through [Christ's] design, *by [Christ's] own hands*, and for [Christ's] purposes. ¹⁷ [Christ] has always been! *It is [Christ's] hand* that holds everything together. ¹⁸ [Christ] is the head of this body, the church. [Christ] is the beginning, the first of those to be reborn from the dead, so that *in every aspect, at every view*, in everything—[Christ] is first. ¹⁹ God was pleased that all His fullness should *forever* dwell in the Son ²⁰ who, *as predetermined by God*, bled peace into the world by [Christ's] death on the cross as God's means of reconciling to Himself the whole creation—all things in heaven and all things on earth.

On another note, we are delighted to invite you to three absorbing upcoming service events, that we think you'll benefit from.

The first is tonight... **Tonight, Mark Pierson** from the Upper Room in Newmarket will be with us to lead us through a deep, rich and wise service entitled, "**Tea & Be**". Mark is an experienced curator of ancient/future worship experiences and has written, curated and spoken on this topic across the globe. Mark was long-serving Baptist minister at Cityside, in Mt. Eden, provided Christian spirituality at World Vision NZ for a season, and currently runs a reflective service called 'Rhythms of Grace', at the Upper Room. Welcome Mark and do come and join us up in the hall at 7pm tonight.

The second is the **Third Space** event, '**Creation Matters**' held also in the hall, on **Friday, 17th of May, at 7pm for food, and a 7.30pm start...** The evening explores the critical issue of climate change and its affects, and will include two important contributions from Dr. Nicola Hoggard Creegan and Alex Johnson, see details over the page.

And finally, next Sunday night, on the 19th of May, we welcome another guest, **Niamh O'Neill**, an Irish woman, who possesses a remarkable ability to tell her story of faith through the music she writes and the songs she sings. Having heard her already at a retreat last year, I can vouch that you won't wish to miss this. Again, we meet in the hall at 7pm, and invite you to come for tea and coffee to begin with. Niamh will be performing from 7.15pm, so please be in quick to grab a seat. There is absolutely no charge, but if you would like to bring a koha to show your appreciation to Niamh, then you'd be more than welcome.

Peace and grace,

Co-Vicars Gareth and Josh

GIVING

- EFTPOS Terminal is available at the back of the church.
- INTERNET BANKING: Westpac Bank account # 03-0104-0109844-01

Some questions to discuss as a family:

When was a time you have experienced pain, hurt or suffering?

What did the healing look like?

What do you think about the idea of the wounded healer?

When was a time you had to forgive someone?

Tuesday, 14th May - Words, Values and Vision.

Friday, 17th May - Third Space Climate Change or Facing off with Matt.

Sunday, 19th May - Callum shares a wound.

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Wilson and the Youth Group team.



Hi families,

This week we are continuing with our '**Growing My Heart for God**' theme, thinking about how we become more like Jesus when things are tough in life. What does the Bible teach us about what we do when things aren't easy? What can we learn from Jesus? This sort of thing helps us when we come across things in life we aren't expecting, or things we think aren't fair, or things that hurt us. Even when things like that happen, we can still grow and become more like Jesus.

Come and join us! Everyone is welcome.

This week we also farewell the lovely Swift family as they head back to the UK for some time closer to that side of the family. It has been a gift celebrating the arrivals of Phoebe and Chloe and watching them grow amongst our family here at St. George's. We will miss you and look forward to news and your return!!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



Dallas Patten partner in South Sudan writes "*I have felt Gods leading for some time but now it's time to put into action. It's time for my MAF season to come to an end and return home, which is honestly very scary!! I do love my job, the work and the team here and it's with a heavy heart to leave them. I also don't know what I'm going to do at this stage! However, I'm looking forward to figuring it out.*



This is a deeply personal decision, made for a multitude of reasons, but truly have God's peace that this is the next step. God is already answering prayers, and my replacement has been found and is scheduled to arrive in June giving us a month's handover. I will then leave the programme at the beginning of August"

Please do continue to pray for Dallas during this time of transition.



9am Congregation

Please join us after the 9am service every second and fourth Sunday of the month for morning tea in the hall.

Everyone welcome!



Creation Matters

Exploring climate change and the environment.

Come and hear theologian Dr. Nicola Hoggard Creegan, Alex Johnson, climate campaigner and environmentalist.

Friday, 17th May, 7pm at St. George's Hall, 19 Ranfurly Rd, Epsom.

- Tickets \$20 waged, \$15 un-waged .
- Ticket price includes pizza, tea and coffee.
- BYO bottle of wine to share.
- Proceeds to St. George's Youth Group



Tickets from ITICKETS.co.nz

Contact: Jocelyn@thirdspace.org.nz

