

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

HER STORY: Past, Present, Future

Shona Pink-Martin,

Assistant Priest 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 HER STORY: 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.

Cost: \$50 per person.

Payment: Online into the church account 03 0104 0109844 00, ref: WDO and your "last name", eftpos or cash to the church office.

Please email the church office at office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz with any food requirements; G/F, vegetarian etc., if you will be taking the bus and when your payment was made, so it can all be recorded.

Thank you.



An Evening of Story and Song

with Niamh O'Neill

Tonight at St. George's Church from 7pm

All welcome.



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 Lord bless you and keep you.



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

SUNDAY SERVICES: 19 May 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: "Christ's Expansive Hospitality"

SPEAKER: Rev. Gareth Walters

READINGS: Genesis 18: 1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 24:13-20; 25-31

VERSE OF THE DAY: Revelation 3:20 "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the Church Hall

This week we are delighted to welcome **Niamh O'Neill**, a singer-song writer from Ireland who will be sharing something of her story through a musical journey, interspersed with her very own narrative.

The evening kicks off with tea and coffee in the hall at 7pm, with Niamh beginning at 7.15pm sharp. We look forward to welcoming Niamh, along with everyone for this very special night.

Feel free to bring a koha for Niamh, if you wish.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 22 May

10am Speaker: Rev. Duncan Macdonald

SUNDAY SERVICES, 26 May

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

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

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

9am Worship Team

This week, we want to recognise and give thanks for the very significant contribution of one of our **long-standing worship teams at the 9am worship service, who are stepping down after seventeen years of leading us in worship.** Sandra and Terry Arnold, originally responded to the SOS-call of then-music-leader Lizzie Bolton, who was planning to be absent for several weeks from St. George's, leaving a gap to be filled at the keys. Over seventeen successive years, Sandra and Terry, together with Brian and Sally Kilonback, Warren Brookbanks, Craig Pollock, Margaret Patrick and others, have formed the very talented and very faithful core of the 9am Worship Team. They have led us worshipfully with a collaborative openness to the Spirit, and have helped us, week by week appreciate God's loving presence in our midst. We want to put on record, our sincere thanks from us all for their gracious, musical leadership. We pray God's blessing as they officially enter a new phase of their lives, sensing God's guidance in finishing this chapter. We are mindful that God always provides, and we look forward to the 9am worship continuing with the rich depth of musical talent that exists amongst us here at St. George's. At this morning's service we will be recognising their outstanding contribution and giving thanks to God for all that they have done.

Vestry Away Day

Last week we had our annual Vestry (Governance Team) Away Day, at the Mercy Spirituality Centre, here in Epsom. These moments provide a very important opportunity for us to **'get off the dance floor'** and **'take a balcony view'** of the journey so far and envision the road ahead.

At the Away Day, we explored the importance of our **Four Core Values** and the very encouraging responses we've had across all the congregations to these values and how they reflect our desire to be a life-affirming, life-giving community in Christ. For those who are new, these core values simply state that we are:

A PLACE OF GRACE - We all start from the place of God's free gift of Grace and Grace continues to be the agent of transformation throughout our faith journey in the power of the Spirit.

DIVERSITY IS A GIFT - In our God-given diversity, we are called to embody St. Paul's call to "encourage each other and build each other up"; to walk together in humility and learn from each others' stories.

CREATIVITY & JUSTICE - Here at St. George's, we're called to be a community in Christ that encourages our life-giving, creative giftings/passions that values every person as someone made in the image of God, challenging all that is unjust.

DARING GREATLY - Each of the above three, core values require the desire and courage to take risks and dare greatly. This will involve uncertainty, feeling vulnerable and a reliance on God's provision.

We would like to publicly thank everyone on Vestry for their dedication and diligence to the life of this community and their continuing support as we all work together to further the work of God's Kingdom.

Peace and grace,

Co-Vicars, Josh and Gareth

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:

Reflect on the quote, 'Deep in our wounds are seeds waiting to grow beautiful flowers'.

When have you seen a community or friends being a source of healing?

When have you experience forgiveness as healing?

What do you think about 'dreaming' and asking Jesus 'what's next' as a healing?

Tuesday, 21st May – Wordsmith Values and Phrases. **Friday, 24th May** – No Youth as Leaders are doing Soul Tour to be the best leaders they can be. **Sunday, 26th May** – Leah shares a wound.

Sign up for our weekly Mailchimp: <http://eepurl.com/cB7G7j>

Wilson and the Youth Group team.



Hi families,

This week we are doing a follow-up week looking at **"Growing My Heart for God"** when life is hard. A tricky subject, but real for all of us, including the kids. We are looking at examples from the Old and New Testament and sharing our own stories of how we stay close to God in those times and still become more like Jesus when we have tough stuff going on.

We are loving having new friends with us over the last few weeks.

Everyone is welcome, come and join us!!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



Your prayers for our Mission partners are vital.

Please pray that the work they do will be effective and the seeds they sow will fall on good soil. **Thank you!**



Dee - working in **Zambia,**

Mike and Bex - Pokhara, Nepal,

Dallas - South Sudan,

Miriam - Togo,

Leagna - Cambodia



Fund Raising Lunch

Come and taste authentic Sri Lankan food and support the Christian survivors of the recent suicide bombings in Sri Lanka.

Sunday 9th June, 12.30pm—2.30pm in the St. George's hall

Price: Adults 16 and above \$15, children \$10 and under 5's free.

Pre-pay online into the St George's account: **03 0104 0109844 00** ref: **"SLFund"** and your **"Last Name"**

RSVP by Friday, 31st May to sudeepafernando62@gmail.com

Confirm number of meals and date and amount paid.

Thank you for your support!



Dress A Girl Around The World

Annual event held in the St. George's youth rooms.

July 20th from 10am – 3pm

Last year 30 dresses were made for young girls in Thailand, Bangladesh and Philipians. Come along and make a difference to a little girls life!

See our notice board for more details on this charity and event.



A New Baby Girl!

We welcome the newest member of the St. George's family, beautiful little

Francesca Berkley.

Congratulations to **Kate, Tom** and big brother **Nixon** on her arrival in the early hours of Tuesday morning, weighing in at a health 8lbs.

Francesca and Kate are both well and happy.

