

## 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](mailto: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



## 9am Congregation Morning Tea Today!

You are warmly invited to morning tea at  
**Duncan and Julie Macdonald at 25a King George Ave, Epsom,**  
(instead of going to The Humble Villager).

On the first Sunday of the month, the Pastoral Care team gather in a home for fellowship.  
**All welcome!**



## Mainly Music

School Term: Every Friday from 9.30am in the Church Hall

Enquiries: please contact Hayley Lewis on 525 2601



## Ramadan Prayer Guide

**Start:** The evening of Sunday, 6th May.

**Finish:** The evening of Tuesday, 4 June.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for our Muslim community.

Free booklets available at the back of the church, please help yourself.



## Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 8th May** between 9am & 12 noon!!



## Healing Service – Wednesday, 8th May

Come and join us next Wednesday at the 10am service!



**ESOL Classes** are held on Tuesdays in the church hall from 10am till 12 noon during school terms. Six levels from beginner to advanced. Classes \$20 per term, includes morning tea. For more information please contact Rose Cooper on 021 170 7070, email [rosecooper2000@gmail.com](mailto:rosecooper2000@gmail.com) or just come along.

**ESOL Bible Study Classes** are held on Thursday mornings from 10am till 12 noon. Morning tea is provided, and there are 2 class levels.

Please contact David Wood on 908 3202 or [dandlwood@gmail.com](mailto:dandlwood@gmail.com)

**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.



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

SUNDAY SERVICES: 5 May 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: “Christ’s Expansive Purpose”

SPEAKER: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Isaiah 2:2-4; Acts 1:1-8; Matthew 28 8:10 and 16:20

VERSE OF THE DAY: **Matthew 28:18** “Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.””

**Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the Church Hall**

Peter and Sarah Bowden and friends will be leading us through a service that speaks to the theme “**Pilgrimage**”, from their experience in Europe and on the Kiwi Camino.

We begin with tea and coffee at 7pm and begin our service at 7.15pm

**Everyone is welcome!**

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE 8 May**

10am Speaker: Rev. Stan Thorburn

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 12 May**

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones—“Christ’s Expansive Presence”

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

On Easter Sunday, Gareth explored these incredible words from St. Paul on the expansiveness of Christ. Note how many times Paul uses the word 'ALL' to convey the expansive scope, power and presence of the risen Christ. 'ALL THINGS' - 'ALL THE FULLNESS' - 'ALL CREATION' and 'EVERYTHING'.

### **The Supremacy of Christ**

***“Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through Christ and for Christ. Christ himself is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.”*** Colossians 1:15-20

This is why we are so excited to begin this new sermon series where we will explore the expansiveness of Christ's **Purpose, Presence, Hospitality, Hope, Grace, Transformation** and **Participation**. As St. Paul tells us in Ephesians 3:19, the greater our *“grasp and understanding of just how deep and wide and long and high is the love of Christ, the more we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

Our desire and passion as a community in Christ, is that we continue to grow in our understanding of this expansive Christ, so that our faith is fully integrated into **all** the arenas of our lives. This after all, is the promise of our faith, that we may be more fully human and more fully alive, in the praise and joy times and also in the struggle and lament times of our lives.

Peace and grace,

**Co-Vicars Josh and Gareth**

### **Kia Ora E Te Whanau,**

Our youth leaders and I had the privilege to spend Easter at E-fest with our young people. It was a great time just doing life with our young people over three days and there is always something special about sharing a liminal space together. The speaker shared about the negative labels they carry and challenged us to carry the labels Jesus gives us like; “good”, “son”, “daughter”, “fearfully and wonderfully made”.

At E-fest, our young people have captured what it means to create belonging. It was awesome watching them integrate and include each other as a group, especially the younger kids in St. G's youth. I don't think anyone felt excluded or lonely from our youth group. This was so contagious that young people on the edges of their youth groups started hanging out with St. G's. For me I really hope that St. G's is always a place and people of belonging, especially for those who experience loneliness, the feeling of being lost and neglected.

Our young people are open to ask for prayer from leaders, but during E-fest our young people were praying for each other. This is the culture we want to have where not just belonging takes place, but a culture of prayer. St. G's youth is not just a social club, it is a youth group aiming to grow as disciples.

I want to make note to parents that we are having a vision night at 7pm, Friday, 10th May. We value your input. Come reflect, share stories and snack. From this conversation we will look at the stories and themes that weave and ask who are we and where are we going?

Thanks for allowing us to journey alongside your young people and children.

We are stoked to be a small part of their village.

Cheers, **Wilson**

## 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;

**What was your favourite moment at E-fest?**

**Where did you see God move in E-fest?**

**What is your takeaway or key learning from E-fest?**

**What are some painful experiences you have faced as a family?**

**What brought your family healing to this wound?**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** – Community Development part 1.

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Vision night, 7pm in the hall. Families are welcome to input!

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** – Wilson shares a wound and how he found healing.

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

**Wilson and the Youth Group team.**



Hi families,

KidsChurch starts officially for the term this week with us returning to our **'Growing our heart for God'** theme. This week we are looking at what God wants us to be like as a friend and we will have a look at the story of David and Jonathon in the Old Testament as an example of amazing friendship.

Please feel free to join us if you're new. Little kids meet next door to us up in the hall and the creche is available for wee ones. **We look forward to seeing you!**

**Hope you've had a good holiday, and everyone is settling into the new term.**

**Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.**

Recently the mission support group met with **Sarah Scott Web** who used to be a youth pastor here at St. George's. Now, after spending most of the past 12 years in the non-profit, anti-trafficking sector, Sarah has a new role with **SIM International as a Global Anti-Trafficking and Exploitation Advisor.**

Sarah's task over the next 18 months is to develop a human trafficking awareness & prevention programme to train SIM's 4000 staff around the world, so they are equipped to help their local churches recognise and respond to human trafficking occurring in their communities.

Please see further info on the Missions Board at the entrance to the crèche room.

This is an amazing initiative to support, branded **'For Freedom'**



### **Life Group for Parents with Pre-schoolers**

Come join us Wednesday mornings from **9.30am - 11am**, **Mum's / Dad's Life Group** during term time, (preschoolers are welcome).

For more information please contact:

**Hayley Lewis at [stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorges.mainlymusic@gmail.com)**

### **Women's Day Out 2019**

**Location:** Vaughan Park. **Date:** Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, from 9am to 3pm.

**Save the date, more info to come!**

### **Creation Matters**

#### **Exploring climate change and the environment.**

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

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ITICKETS.co.nz)

Contact: [Jocelyn@thirdspace.org.nz](mailto:Jocelyn@thirdspace.org.nz)

