

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're 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



Next Camino Walk - 22nd June

We have now reached the Whangarei Heads region, which means a longer travel time of 2.5 hours each way. So, this time it will be an overnight trip, returning at leisure on Sunday, after an optional visit to the Whangarei Falls.



We will meet at **Manaia Baptist Camp, 16 McDonald Road, Whangarei Heads at 9.30am on Saturday, 22nd June.** Allow 2.5 hours travel time. Morning tea will be there to greet you. We will then walk up **Mt Manaia**, followed by a short coastal circuit, with historical stops along the way.



Bring your own lunch.

Accommodation for the night will be at **Manaia Baptist Camp**, at a cost of **\$30 each**. We will eat out at the local Manaia Club, which does great food at good prices. BYO bedding, pillow and towel. Sunday breakfast can be BYO or at the local cafe. The **Whangarei Falls** are well worth a visit on Sunday morning, with an optional short walk through the local park, before returning to Auckland.



Please RSVP Sarah Bowden asap, email sarah.laurie56@icloud.com and indicate if you will be taking a car or require transport.
Link: <http://www.regentcommunitytrust.org/manaia-camp.html>

9am Congregation Morning Tea Today!

You are warmly invited to morning tea at **Janet & Jim Frater's home, 16 Aratonga Ave, Greenlane, All welcome!**



One Can - Two Can 2019 Appeal

The 2019 Auckland City Mission "One Can - Two Can" appeal runs from this **Monday, 17th June to Friday, 28th June.** Get your cans together for the next two Sundays. **Thank you for your support!!!**



ESOL Classes are proving so popular on Tuesday mornings that we now have an average of 90 students coming along each week. **We're bursting at the seams!** Please, if you have a couple of hours free at this time each week, an interest in helping migrants, a good command of English and a willingness to help, we'd love to hear from you.

We desperately need more relief teachers, and/or help with morning tea. Please contact Rose on 021 170 7070 or rosecooper2000@gmail.com **Thank you!**

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."

TRINITY - SUNDAY SERVICES: 16 June 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: "Christ's Expansive Participation"

SPEAKERS: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Genesis 1:26-27; Colossians 1:15-20; John 17:20-26

VERSE OF THE DAY: Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us.""

Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the Church Hall

Join us at 7pm to hear from **Marie Walker** and **Alan Carbines** as they share some of their faith journey including how they came to be at St. George's! **Joce Grantham** will also share some thoughts on the importance of story, drawing on the writings of the late Rachel Held Evans. 7pm for tea/coffee with a prompt start at 7.15pm.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 19 June

10am Speaker: Rev. Stan Thorburn

SUNDAY SERVICES, 23 June

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: Rev. Gareth Walters - "The Gift of Baptism and Confirmation"

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

Last Sunday, we celebrated the '**Feast of Pentecost**', and what is traditionally considered the birth day of the Church! And what a 'feast' it was. It was an absolute delight to have the St. George's Youth Group lead both the 9am and 10.45am services, and to see and hear the encouraging work of the Spirit in and through them. Three things stand out to us as we reflect on the gift of last Sunday:

- i. The significant development in the worship youth band that didn't miss a beat in leading the whole church in worship. Leading in worship is something that even the most experienced musicians find difficult. However, as evidenced on Sunday, Ajit, Jonny, Matthew, Sam, Millie, Myah and Evan led with ability and sensitivity and showed the same maturity they had shown in leading the AYM Pentecost on the Friday night for all the youth groups in Auckland. Keep it up!
- ii. Secondly, it was heartening to hear from three of our youth members, Matthew, Myah and Oscar. The stories of how they are making sense of the Spirit's work in them and their specific realities was a spur to all of us, in our own. Thanks especially to Wilson and Esther Chan, Callum Hussey, Oscar Clarke, Matt Alger and Leah Watt for all their commitment and aroha in leading and nurturing the faith of our young people. Do pray for and encourage them.
- iii. Finally, what was also so appreciated was the wonderful Sri Lankan lunch hosted by Sudeepa and Jay Perera and Chandrika and Anton Gunasekera. The effort and care they and their families took in preparing the Sri Lankan banquet was massive. Thank you so much to everyone for supporting this worthy cause.

Trinity Sunday

This week, we celebrate another high day in the church calendar, "**Trinity Sunday**". The Holy Trinity is the central, fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith so it's important that we have this special day to explore and celebrate. This Sunday also signals the last sermon in our '**Expansive Christ**' series and finishing the series on Trinity Sunday isn't an accident. The truth of our Christian faith is that we can only make sense and understand this **expansive Purpose, Presence, Hospitality, Hope, Grace and Transformation**, by looking through the theological lens of The Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Today, Josh will be helping us to consider the implications of what it means to live lives of '**Expansive Participation**'. Only by expanding our grasp of who our Triune God is, can we integrate and connect our faith to every aspect of our lives.

Dinner in Homes

One of the core aspects to this idea of Trinity is the idea of being a community of generous hospitality. One initiative we want to commend to you, is the '**Dinner in Homes**' opportunity that Julie Macdonald and Penny Kestle, are helping to arrange. This is a great opportunity to build relationships and to get to know each other. The idea is to have a series of meals with a table of 6 - 8 people, hosted in people's homes on a bring and share basis. We are currently inviting everyone to consider whether you might be able to be a guest or possibly play host over the next three months as we cultivate a sense of belonging across the services. Julie and Penny will help facilitate the groups to encourage this. Please consider this important church-wide initiative and fill in the forms today.

Finally please remember, the ten Alpha guests and helpers who are away on the Alpha Weekend at Whiritoa. Please pray for them as they learn about the Holy Spirit - who He is, what He does and how we can be filled with the Holy Spirit. Thank you.

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 chat about:

Where have you experienced transformation in your life?

In whose life have you seen transformation?

Where have you seen the Spirit of God transforming the world?

Tuesday, 18th June: Rev. Dr. Mark Harris visits (postponed from last week).

Friday, 21st June: Peer Up.

Sunday, 23rd June: Matt 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 taking a pause from our theme and thinking about **Mission** both here and overseas. Around this time, lots of people are doing the 40-hour famine which will raise money for refugees in Uganda, but there are also people all around us who don't have what they need both in terms of food, clothing and shelter and also God's love. We are going to be talking about what Jesus says in the Bible about what we should do about this and one practical thing is food! So today we are going to make soup for people that need some food. **Come and join us!**

We look forward to seeing you all!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



The Sanders family, based in Nepal, write "Hi guys, thanks for all of your support and prayers. After a lot of thought and prayer Bex and I have decided we will be returning back to NZ in October, with the kids starting school at Cornwall Park in Term 4. We have no plans to return to Nepal for a second term at this point. However, we will likely be doing some shorter trips as we are able to."

Please keep them in your prayers as they work towards this transition.



Sri Lankan Fundraising Lunch

Sudeepa and Chandrika would like to thank everyone for your amazing support with their fundraising lunch last Sunday. The **\$1,860.00** raised is going to the children who lost their parents in the bombings.

Thank you all so much!!!



Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 19th June** between 9am & 12 noon!!



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 "**Her Story 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.