

## 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



## Women's Day Out 2019

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## St George's Men's Spring Retreat - Save The Date!

After work Friday, 27 'till after lunch Sunday, 29 September, for this year's Men's Retreat at Flaxmill Bay.

More details to follow as we firm up the programme. Cost will be similar to 2017, i.e. less than \$240 for 4-star luxury accommodation, plus food. Start saving!

Pass this invite to your mates. We have beds for just 40 men in six houses and four cottages.

*If you've not experienced a St George's Men's Spring Retreat at Flaxmill Bay, then ask a man who has, you've really missed a treat!*



## Dress A Girl Around The World

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

Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 3pm

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

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



## Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming Wednesday, 17th July between 9am & 12 noon!!



**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**



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

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 14 July 2019**

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

**THEME: "Prophetic Voices - How Do We Do Justice"**

**SPEAKERS:** Sarah Scott-Webb

**READINGS:** Isaiah 58:6-12; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Matthew 25:31-40

**VERSE OF THE DAY: Amos 5:24** "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

**Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the church hall**

This week, we also welcome Sarah Scott-Webb to our evening service, to explore in conversation her own story of how God lead her into the important work of advocating for at-risk women and children along with some stories of the kind of transformation Sarah has been privileged to be part of. This is a must for those wishing to hear more and ask questions.

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

**Everyone is welcome!**

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE 17 July**

10am Speaker: Duncan Macdonald

**SUNDAY SERVICES, 21 July**

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: Jeremy Woods - "A Prophetic Message"

**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, I (Gareth) have been privileged to hear again about the whole call of God's Mission, through sitting in on Professor Michael Gorman's New Testament lectures at Carey Baptist College. For three days, classmates meditated on St. Paul's own understanding of what God wants for His world, which includes the idea of redemption, reconciliation and restoration of those created in God's image. Sarah Scott-Webb's work, which we'll hear about today embraces just this, as she helps advocate for women and children, who find themselves, through unjust structures, being enslaved to a life of degradation and brokenness. The question for us is, how are we, like Sarah - being invited to be a part of God's mission in the world and how can we bring Kingdom transformation in large and not so large ways? Welcome, Sarah!

**Along with 'acting justly', being the Body of Christ means also caring for each of its members.** This week, we are highlighting two important aspects of the life of the church, **Pastoral Care and Life-Group Ministry**. A huge thanks to Angela and Stan for their work in these key areas.

### Life-Groups: Stan Thorburn writes...

Our Vicars have always shared their view that one way to penetrate the perception that church has in this day and age become irrelevant – is to stamp authenticity upon and prove transformative power in, the lives of those who proclaim they are Jesus' followers. They believe that people can be brought into a deeper experience of the authenticity of God's love and transformative power through the strength of a small, warm, inclusive and validating group. It is an element of church community that extends beyond the Sunday services and provides nurture and confidence that accompanies us through the week and beyond. The Life Group consequentially has tremendous capacity too, to have pastoral input at an appropriate level by sensitive and rich engagement amongst people who have grown into a relationship of trust.

We would encourage you all to be engaged with such a group because 3 things that are core to discipleship can be discovered and deepened.

**First** – learning and teaching around the wonders of our faith.

**Second** – fellowship; that special relationship with others by which we share our experiences.

**And third** – a safe and trusted place where pastoral matters can be understood and guided.

### Pastoral care: Angela Rainford writes...

Pastoral care is about offering care and support to those experiencing times of spiritual, emotional or physical challenges. It often happens organically at St George's, as caring people reach out in love and hospitality in ways that naturally flow from their God-given gifts, and their relationship with God. This all helps to foster a sense of belonging in our church community.

One of the foundational tools of pastoral care is to be a good listener – there is more to the art of listening than we think.

I like how Nancy Remen in Kitchen Table Wisdom puts it:

*"I suspect that the most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen. Just listen. Perhaps the most important thing we can ever give each other is our attention. And especially if it's given from the heart. When people are talking, there's no need to do anything but receive them. Just take them in. Listen to what they're saying. Care about it. Most times caring about it is even more important than understanding it. Most of us don't value ourselves or our love, enough to know this. It has taken me a long time to believe in the power of simply saying, "I'm so sorry", when someone is in pain. And meaning it."*

Never underestimate the power of sitting with a person and being fully present to them, allowing them to be heard in the fullest sense of the word, listening with your heart to their spoken and unspoken words.

**What a gift.**

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

Questions to chat about at home:

**What has been your favourite thing about Term 2?**

**What was your hardest challenge about Term 2?**

**What is something you learnt about yourself in Term 2?**

**What is the best way you rest and recover in the holidays?**

**What is something you are looking forward to Term 3?**

**Enjoy your school holidays!**

We kick off on **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July**: Looking at strategy and future of youth!

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July**: Laser Strike meet at church at 6:30pm!

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July**: Confirmation Service.

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

**Wilson and the Youth Group team.**



Hi families,

There is no **KidsChurch** today because of the holidays.

There are activity sheets for the older kids at the back, and the creche is available as usual for the littlies.

**Please make yourself at home.**

**Happy holidays!!!**

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



It is a privilege to have **Sarah Scott Webb** talk to us today about **'For Freedom'**, SIM's new anti-trafficking and exploitation ministry. *"Human trafficking is occurring in every country in the world. In every country, human traffickers are targeting the most vulnerable: women, children and refugees/migrants. They're more likely to be tricked with false promises than violently forced into slavery. Often, they are forced to witness someone being killed or tortured and told this will happen to them if they leave; with human trafficking, fear keeps people enslaved more than physical chains.*

*Now, thanks to SIM's new ministry For Freedom, mission partners around the world can receive training and be equipped to recognize and respond to trafficking situations they may encounter. For Freedom is a global ministry responsible for coordinating SIM's response to the human trafficking happening in the communities and countries we work in."*

## Selwyn Pilgrimage - Preliminary Notice

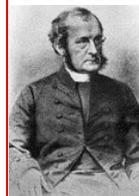
**Friday, 6th September 2019**

This is a day long pilgrimage in conjunction with the **Kiwi Camino** programme.

The aim is to walk into the central city, taking in a number of historical and cultural items. Highlights will include; Bishop Selwyn's handwritten journal, our church's first vestry minute books, the Gospel of St. Luke belonging to the first Maori martyr and the medieval Rossdhu Book of Hours with it's illuminated miniature of St. George slaying the dragon.

It's an easy walk and we will return by bus.

To register your interest please phone **Brian Perkins on 636 3259.**



## Childminder's Workshop for Teenagers

Become a safe, reliable and fun childminder that every parent will trust and want to book again.

This workshop will cover practical advice on how to establish your business, information on developmental needs for children, ideas for play and first aid.

Presented by Joy Sluiters and Sarah Thompson.

**For 13-17 year old's. Places are limited.**

**Friday, 19th July from 10.30am - 2.30pm**

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