

## 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!



## Working Bee this Week!

The team will meet this coming **Wednesday, 31st July** between 9am & 12 noon!!



## 2019 Contact List Book

St. George's 2019 Contact List Book is now available at the back of the church.

Please help yourself to one!



## 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!



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: 28 July 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am

THEME: "Prophetic Voices"

SPEAKER: Rev. Gareth Walters

READINGS: Malachi 1:10-14 & 2:4-7; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 22:34-40

VERSE OF THE DAY: Malachi 4:5-6 "Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents."

10.45 am SUNDAY SERVICE

THEME: "Confirmation"

SPEAKER: Bishop Ross Bay

READINGS: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the church hall

Paul and Gareth lead through an opportunity for us to reflect together on where we've been, where we're up to and what we might like the future to look like.

'Reflecting Back, Moving Forward' will kick off with tea and coffee at 7pm and will get underway at 7.15pm. We look forward to gathering together.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 31 July

10am Speaker: Rev. Duncan Macdonald

SUNDAY SERVICES, 4 AUGUST

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: Rev. Josh Jones - "The Treasure of the Scriptures"

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.

### Confirmation Sunday

Today, is a very special day for the life of our St George's church whanau. Four of our people - Gary Bromley, Elena Edgar-Nemec, Sachini Gunasekera and Callum Hussey, will declare their commitment to walk in the footsteps of Christ and in the presence of Bishop Ross, confirm their desire to strengthen and deepen this faith in the service of God's Kingdom-Way. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this visible sign of God's Spirit at work in their lives and our community. As we explored in our mini-series a few weeks back on the Sacraments, Confirmation is one of the core sacraments of our Christian faith and all our prayers are with the four candidates today and beyond.

### Encouragement

Being 'Church' in today's climate is a challenge for everyone involved, so encouragement is always welcome. In the past week we (Josh & Gareth) received a call from the Rev Nigel Dixon from Palmerston North, who is coming to Auckland at the end of August with some of their young leaders. They will spend the day based at the Upper Room, but Nigel asked if their group could talk to us about the good things happening at St George's. He mentioned that this was being noticed further afield and it would be good for their young leaders to hear the St. George's story. For us, this is testimony to the wonderful Spirit alive in this community and our commitment to walk together in all our diversity, in the bond of peace.

### Licensed Ministry Conference

Last week, I (Kate) attended the annual Diocesan Ministry Conference. The theme, "Resilience in Ministry", echoed our sermon series during Lent as we explored the imagery of lessons from the desert. I love getting to meet with other ministers and priests and hearing about what's happening around Auckland and beyond, also sharing about the good things that God is doing at St George's. It was also an opportunity to swap my "new mum" hat for a wee while, although Frankie came along too!

In Christ's service,

**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

If you would like to make regular donations or a one-off gift to the church, you can do this by completing one of our "Giving Forms".

These forms can be found on the table at the back of the church, from the Office or downloaded from our website [www.stgeorgeseypsom.org.nz](http://www.stgeorgeseypsom.org.nz)

Please complete this and either drop it into the Sunday Offertory Box at the back of church or post / drop into the office, 9am - 3pm weekdays (St George's Anglican Church, 15 - 19, Ranfurly Road, Epsom, 1023). At the end of every financial year a tax receipt is provided.

Just a reminder that we are in the service today to celebrate Callum's Confirmation. Also, a friendly reminder to sign up for Snow Camp. Check your mailchimp for details.



**Some questions to discuss as a family:**

**What's been your favourite moment during your holidays?**

**Confirmation is seen as a rite of passage, what do you think are other rites of passage we have in society or church?**

**Who are some badass women from the bible, what's their story and what makes them badass?**

**This Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July:** Human Library: Gender, Sexuality and Faith.

**This Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August:** Party Games at church! Bring your favourite party food!!

**This Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August:** Esther kicks our bad-as, gutsy women of the Bible series off!

**Sign up for our weekly Mailchimp:** <http://eepurl.com/cB7G7j>  
Wilson and the Youth Group team.

Hi families,

### Welcome back to Term 3!!



We hope you have had happy holidays and are excited to see you all again! This term we are starting our new theme – 'the treasure of the Scriptures' It is going to be a really awesome theme with hidden treasure, treasure boxes and finding out all sorts of things you might not already know about the Bible!!

Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.  
**Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.**



**St George's is privileged to support the following work overseas.**

Dee Jones - Zambia, working for 'Foundations for farming' in community development.  
Sanders family - Pokhara, Nepal. Working in audiology, engineering and missionary support roles.  
Dallas Patten - relocating to NZ after finishing work as Operations Manager in South Sudan.  
Miriam Tilman - on furlough in Christchurch and will return to pharmaceutical work in Togo later in the year.  
Sarah Scott Webb - working on the area of anti-trafficking.

### Dinners in Homes

The parish *Dinners in Homes* in June and July have been very successful with 42 people participating in five or six homes each month. So far we have 49 wanting to participate in August. If you would like to join us in August, please email or ring Julie Macdonald before **Monday, 12 August**, [duju@xtra.co.nz](mailto:duju@xtra.co.nz) or phone 027 444 2577.

### NZCMS (New Zealand Church Missionary Society)

**Next fellowship meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, 30 July 2019, **Time:** 10am, **Venue:** Selwyn Village, Community Centre, "Music Room", **Speaker:** Rev. Nicky Frater - Chaplain @ Selwyn Village, Pt Chevalier, **Contact:** Lea Tovey on 528 7773.



### Calling all Painters!

If you have an inner painter trying to get out, a few spare days and would like a little project to get your teeth into, we'd love to hear from you.

All paint provided!

Contact Lisa in the office by email: [office@stgeorgeseypsom.org.nz](mailto:office@stgeorgeseypsom.org.nz) or call 520 5652