

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, 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.

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!



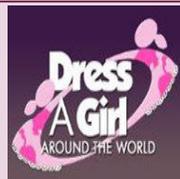
Dress A Girl Around The World

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

Saturday, July 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.



Healing Service - Wednesday, 10th July

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



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: 7 July 2019

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

THEME: "Prophetic Voices"

SPEAKERS: Rev. Josh Jones

READINGS: Jeremiah 35:15; 1 Corinthians 9:19-2; Luke 13:31-35

VERSE OF THE DAY: Luke 13:34 "And Jesus said, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!"

Sunday - 7pm Service, held in the church hall

This coming Sunday we are delighted to offer a Contemplative Worship service based on Andre Rublev's artwork, entitled 'The Trinity' (c.1114AD).

This picture which was alluded to in Josh's recent sermon on that theme, has been a gateway to understanding our relationship to the Trinity and what it means to be a place of generous hospitality.

Paul, Joce and Gareth will help facilitate this service.

We begin with refreshments at 7pm and commence our service at 7.15pm.

Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY SERVICE 10 July

10am Speaker: Duncan Macdonald - "Healing Service"

SUNDAY SERVICES, 14 July

7.45 am - 9.00 am - 10.45 am

Speaker: Sarah Scott-Webb - "Taken"

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

New Sermon Series

This week, we begin a **three-week series** that promises to be both absorbing and challenging. **'Prophetic Voices'** is a sermon series, that comes straight out of the mouths of the Old Testament Prophets and will be exploring the context into which the prophets spoke. But along with this, we will also be hearing from **three St. Georgian's who have - in one way or another - been called upon to stand up for a just and a 'prophetic' cause.** This week, in a slight change to the schedule, we are delighted to have Josh introduce the series and interview our very own **Greg Smith**, someone who has been involved in being a prophetic voice in the care of some of Auckland's core, natural landmarks. Next week, we welcome back an ex-St. Georgian, **Sarah Scott-Webb** who served here as Youth Pastor during the Bob Barrett era. Sarah has had a fascinating journey since leaving for Cambodia, with stints at World Vision and also with Hagar International, which advocates to release women and children who have been trafficked into the sex-trade around the world. Sarah will be with us next week to share about her new role with SIM as a Global Anti-Trafficking and Exploitation Specialist, as the most recent missionary to be supported by the Overseas Mission Group. Our last message in the series will be offered by **Jeremy Woods**, who together with wife Buzz and their children are here with us from Wellington. Jeremy will be offering a message from Amos and will be sharing as to what the prophetic call looks like in their own lives.

Along with the themes being offered in the morning, we also want to commend to you **the 7pm community services which meet in the hall lounge and are currently focused on the theme, 'Telling Our Stories'**. Over the last month we've been hearing from people from around the community about their own story of life and faith and the way Christ has brought change into their lives.

Along with this we are also pleased to highlight the occasional **'Hymn Worship Service'** led by our very own **Ken Leech**. The next hymn service, **"Great is thy Faithfulness"** has been organised for **7pm, Sunday, 4th of August, in the church. A choir, orchestra and organ** will provide the musical lead for our worship as we explore the nature, grandeur and character of God. If you would like to be involved in either the choir or orchestra please do get in touch with Ken Leech directly. Do diarize this and invite friends to share in this unique worship opportunity as well as some of the great musical traditions of our Church.

Staffing Matters

In our on-going conversations with **Angela Rainsford**, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, Angela has had a growing sense that with the change in her personal circumstances which includes the addition of two grandchildren, that she is no longer able to fulfil the role of Pastoral Care Coordinator. Angela has indicated her intention to step down from her role, as of the 21st July. Since taking on the position, Angela has done a fine job of facilitating what is a very important area of ministry in the church, and we want to put on record our sincere thanks. Angela has overseen a team of volunteers who continue to care for many right across all our services, along with being involved in the work of pastoral care herself. With Angela stepping down in due course, we will be looking to appoint someone for this important role of the church. In the meantime, Gareth and Josh will continue to oversee all things pastoral care.

Our prayers and thoughts with **Chris Chung and his wife, Susan**. Chris was admitted to hospital early this week and won't be returning to St. George's in his role as Verger until further notice. Syd Walker is kindly shouldering some of Chris' responsibilities in the meantime. This highlights our ongoing need, as we indicated at our AGM and in several newsletters, our need to find someone fit and able to continue the important tasks (14x hours a week) that help the week-to-week running of the church.

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

Giving Receipts have been sent out via email, if your email address changes or you have not received one for this financial year end, please contact the office to up-date.

office@stgeorgesepsom.org.nz or ph: 520 5652. Thank you.

Questions to chat about at home:

When you experience disappointment / loss, do you find it more natural to respond with anger or sadness?

Or another emotion altogether?

Where in your life have you experienced growth/learnt from your wounds or disappointments? Share an example.

How do you feel about the idea of personal growth being more important than your achievements? What have been some of your key takeaways from this term's talks about being a wounded healer?

Enjoy your school holidays!

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

Friday, 26th July: Laser Strike, meet at church at 7pm!

Sunday, 28th July: Confirmation Service.

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

Wilson and the Youth Group team.



Hi families,

We have a change of plan!! (due to leader availability). There will be a KidsChurch session **today** so come and join us for some holiday fun.

There will be **no KidsChurch** on the **14th and 21st July**.

KidsChurch resumes on the **28th July** with our new **TREASURE** theme!!!

Happy holidays!!!

Lynette, Hayley and the KidsChurch Team.



We are looking forward to Sarah Scott-Webb coming to speak to us next Sunday. She is working in the area of human trafficking. She writes, *"Anti-trafficking is not just about rescuing victims and restoring survivors — by focusing on preventing trafficking and protecting those most at risk, we can all play a part in stopping this, no matter what ministry context we are serving in."*

"Building relationships with vulnerable people in your community creates layers of 'safety' around that person — this makes it less likely for them to be trafficked and provides them with protection from exploitation. A great first step in this process is to simply ask "Who are the vulnerable people in this community?", "What are we already doing that could build relationships with them?", "What skills/talents do we have that could help to connect with them?"

Plan to be at church and hear about this vital work.

Parenting Place
Mā tāua, eī atu eī

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 olds. Places are limited.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2072926052782987/>

9am Congregation Morning Tea Today!

You are warmly invited to morning tea at

Rod and Penny Kestle's home, 30 St. Andrews Rd, Epsom

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

All welcome!



Fearless Faith Conference

Josh McDowell and his son Sean McDowell will be headlining the **Fearless Faith Conference** at

Harbourside Church, Takapuna, next weekend.

\$50 for Friday night and all-day Saturday, food provided throughout.

See flyers at back of the church for more details.